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# **RESOLUTIONS**

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## **ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS<sup>1</sup>**

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9. General debate (item 9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (item 10).
11. Report of the Security Council (item 11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, II, XX and XXI (section A)] (item 12).
13. Report of the International Court of Justice (item 14).
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15. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council (item 16).
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17. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (item 18).
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20. The situation in the Middle East (item 21).
21. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 22).<sup>2</sup>
22. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (item 43):<sup>3</sup>
  - (c) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
23. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (item 44):<sup>4</sup>
  - (c) Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda recommended by the General Committee in its first report (A/8800/Rev.1 and Corr.2) and adopted by the General Assembly at its 2035th to 2037th plenary meetings, on 22 and 23 September 1972. At the 2037th meeting, the Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items. For the numerical list of agenda items, see "Index of resolutions and decisions", page 125.

<sup>2</sup> See also "Fourth Committee", item 11.

<sup>3</sup> For subitems (a) and (b), see below "Second Committee", item 2.

<sup>4</sup> For subitems (a) and (b), see below "Second Committee", item 3.

24. Question of Namibia (item 64):<sup>5</sup>  
(e) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.
25. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (item 23).
26. Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States (item 24).
27. Non-use of force in international relations and permanent prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons (item 25).

### First Committee

#### (POLITICAL AND SECURITY QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS)

1. Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 27).<sup>6</sup>
2. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (item 28).
3. Preparation of an international treaty concerning the Moon: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (item 29).
4. General and complete disarmament (item 30):<sup>6</sup>
  - (a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
  - (b) Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;
  - (c) Report of the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolution 2852 (XXVI), paragraph 5.<sup>7</sup>
5. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 31).
6. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests (item 32):
  - (a) Report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
7. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2830 (XXVI) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the Secretary-General (item 33).
8. Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace: report of the Secretary-General (item 34).
9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the Secretary-General (item 35).
10. Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (item 36).
11. World Disarmament Conference: report of the Secretary-General (item 26).

<sup>5</sup> For subitems (a) to (d), see below "Fourth Committee", item 3.

<sup>6</sup> At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/8800/Rev.1 and Corr.2, para. 20 (b)), that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/8774) should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connexion with its consideration of items 27 and 30.

<sup>7</sup> At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/8800/Rev.1 and Corr.2, para. 21), that the report on napalm and other incendiary weapons, to be submitted by the Secretary-General under paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 2852 (XXVI), should be referred to the First Committee in connexion with its consideration of item 30. See also "Sixth Committee", item 8 (a).

12. Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting (item 37).

### Special Political Committee

1. Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa (item 38):
  - (a) Reports of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*;
  - (b) Reports of the Secretary-General.
2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (item 39).
3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 40):
  - (a) Report of the Commissioner-General;
  - (b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (c) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine;
  - (d) Reports of the Secretary-General.
4. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (item 41).
5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (item 42).

### Second Committee

#### (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS)

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters III to XI, XII (sections A to G) and XVII to XIX] (item 12).<sup>8</sup>
2. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (item 43):<sup>9</sup>
  - (a) Report of the Conference on its third session;
  - (b) Report of the Trade and Development Board.
3. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (item 44):<sup>10</sup>
  - (a) Report of the Industrial Development Board;
  - (b) Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
4. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director (item 45).
5. Operational activities for development: reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (item 46):
  - (a) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
  - (c) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General;
  - (d) United Nations Volunteers programme.

<sup>8</sup> At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/8800/Rev.1 and Corr.2, para. 20 (c)), that: (a) chapter III (General discussion of international economic and social policy) might be of interest to the First and Third Committees; (b) chapter IV (Review and appraisal of the Second United Nations Development Decade) might be of interest to the Third Committee; (c) chapter V (Mass poverty and unemployment) might be of interest to the Third Committee; (d) chapter VI (Regional co-operation) might be of interest to the Third and Fifth Committees; (e) chapter XI, section A (Report of the Population Commission), might be of interest to the Third Committee; (f) in chapter XII, section D (Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade), section E (Land reform) and section F (Housing, building and planning) might be of interest to the Third Committee; and (g) chapter XIX, section A (Review of the Council's co-ordinating machinery, methods of work and procedures) might be of interest to the Fifth Committee. For chapters XVII, XVIII and XIX, section B, see also "Third Committee", item 1, and "Fifth Committee", item 15; for chapter XIX, section A, see also "Third Committee", item 1.

<sup>9</sup> For subitem (c), see above "Plenary meetings", item 22.

<sup>10</sup> For subitem (c), see above "Plenary meetings", item 23.

6. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment: report of the Secretary-General (item 47).
7. Question of the establishment of an international university (item 48).

### Third Committee

#### (SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL QUESTIONS)

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters XII (section H), XIII to XV and XVII to XIX] (item 12).<sup>11</sup>
2. Human rights in armed conflicts (item 49):<sup>12</sup>
  - (b) Protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict: report of the Secretary-General.
3. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (item 50):
  - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolutions 2784 (XXVI) and 2785 (XXVI);
  - (b) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
  - (c) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) Draft convention on the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid*.
4. Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights (item 51).
5. Principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity (item 52).
6. Crime prevention and control (item 53).
7. Youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its active participation in national development and international co-operation (item 54):
  - (a) Channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples.
8. Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Secretary-General (item 55).
9. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 56):
  - (a) Report of the High Commissioner;
  - (b) Question of the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner.
10. Freedom of information (item 57):
  - (a) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information;
  - (b) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information.
11. Human rights and scientific and technological developments: report of the Secretary-General (item 58).

<sup>11</sup> At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/8800/Rev.1 and Corr.2, para. 20 (d), that: (a) in chapter XIV, section A.6 (Participation of women in organizations in the United Nations system) might be of interest to the Fifth Committee and sections B.3 (Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination) and B.4 (Question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of *apartheid* and colonialism) might be of interest to the Special Political Committee; (b) chapter XV, section C (Disaster relief co-ordination) and section D (Measures to be taken following the natural disaster in the Philippines), might be of interest to the Fifth Committee; and (c) chapter XIX, section A (Review of the Council's co-ordinating machinery, methods of work and procedures), might be of interest to the Fifth Committee. For chapters XVII, XVIII and XIX, section B, see also "Second Committee", item 1, and "Fifth Committee", item 15; for chapter XIX, section A, see also "Second Committee", item 1.

<sup>12</sup> For subitem (a), see below "Sixth Committee", item 8.

12. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (item 59):
  - (a) Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance;
  - (b) Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
13. Programme for the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (item 60).
14. Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations: report of the Secretary-General (item 61).
15. United Nations Conference for a world convention on adoption law (item 62).

#### Fourth Committee

##### (QUESTIONS RELATING TO TRUST AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council (item 13).
2. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (item 63):
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
3. Question of Namibia (item 64): <sup>13</sup>
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;
  - (c) Question of the enlargement of the United Nations Council for Namibia: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (d) United Nations Fund for Namibia: report of the Secretary-General.
4. Question of Territories under Portuguese administration (item 65):
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
5. Question of Southern Rhodesia (item 66):
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
6. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 67).
7. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 68):
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
  - (b) Reports of the Secretary-General.
8. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter XVI] (item 12).

<sup>13</sup> For subitem (e), see above "Plenary meetings", item 24.

9. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General (item 69).
10. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General (item 70).
11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [chapters relating to specific Territories] (item 22).<sup>14</sup>

### Fifth Committee

#### (ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS)

1. Financial reports and accounts for the year 1971 and reports of the Board of Auditors (item 71):
  - (a) United Nations;
  - (b) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (c) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
  - (f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1972 (item 72).
3. Budget estimates for the financial year 1973 (item 73).
4. Planning estimate for the financial year 1974 (item 74).
5. Pattern of conferences: report of the Secretary-General (item 75).
6. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly (item 76):
  - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Board of Auditors;
  - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General;
  - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
  - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.<sup>15</sup>
7. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (item 77).
8. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 78).
9. Joint Inspection Unit (item 79):
  - (a) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;
  - (b) Question of the continuation of the Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Secretary-General.
10. Publications and documentation of the United Nations (item 80):
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;<sup>16</sup>
  - (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

<sup>14</sup> See also "Plenary meetings", item 21.

<sup>15</sup> At its 2081st plenary meeting, on 9 November 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General (A/8876), to include this question in the agenda as subitem (f).

<sup>16</sup> At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/8800/Rev.1 and Corr.2, para. 20 (e)), to refer to the Sixth Committee, for prior consideration, the part of the report of the Secretary-General on recurrent publications (A/8851, paras. 6-23) which dealt with publications in the legal field.



11. Personnel questions (item 81):
  - (a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Other personnel questions: report of the Secretary-General.
12. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (item 82).
13. United Nations salary system: report of the Special Committee for the Review of the United Nations Salary System (item 83).
14. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (item 84).
15. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters XVII, XVIII, XIX (section B) and XXI (sections B and C)] (item 12).<sup>17</sup>
16. Amendment to rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (item 93).<sup>18</sup>

### Sixth Committee

#### (LEGAL QUESTIONS)

1. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-fourth session (item 85).
2. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session (item 86).
3. Representation of States in their relations with international organizations (item 87).
4. Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression (item 88).
5. Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (item 89).
6. Review of the role of the International Court of Justice (item 90).
7. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (item 91).
8. Human rights in armed conflicts (item 49):<sup>19</sup>
  - (a) Respect for human rights in armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolutions 2852 (XXVI), paragraph 8, and 2853 (XXVI).<sup>20</sup>
9. Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes (item 92).<sup>21</sup>

<sup>17</sup> For chapters XVII, XVIII and XIX, section B, see also "Second Committee", item 1, and "Third Committee", item 1.

<sup>18</sup> At its 2070th plenary meeting, on 20 October 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its third report (A/8800/Rev.1/Add.2), to include this item in the agenda and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

<sup>19</sup> For subitem (b), see above "Third Committee", item 2.

<sup>20</sup> See also "First Committee", item 4 (c).

<sup>21</sup> At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly adopted the wording of this item on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/8800/Rev.1 and Corr.2, para. 18) as amended by documents A/L.672 and A/L.673.

## **APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**(Item 3 (a))**

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed the Credentials Committee.

The Committee was constituted as follows: BELGIUM, CHINA, COSTA RICA, JAPAN, SENEGAL, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

*2032nd plenary meeting  
19 September 1972*

## **COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**(Items 4, 5 and 6)**

The General Committee of the General Assembly for the twenty-seventh session was constituted as follows:

*President of the General Assembly:*

Mr. Stanisław TREPCZYNSKI (Poland).

*2032nd plenary meeting  
19 September 1972*

*Vice-presidents of the General Assembly:*

The representatives of the following Member States: CHINA, COLOMBIA, CYPRUS, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, HAITI, ICELAND, LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, MAURITANIA, NEW ZEALAND, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, RWANDA, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*2034th plenary meeting  
20 September 1972*

*Chairmen of the Main Committees of the General Assembly:*

*First Committee:* Mr. Radha Krishna RAMPHUL (Mauritius);

*Special Political Committee:* Mr. Hady TOURÉ (Guinea);

*Second Committee:* Mr. Bruce RANKIN (Canada);

*Third Committee:* Mr. Carlos GIAMBRUNO (Uruguay);

*Fourth Committee:* Mr. Zdeněk ČERNÍK (Czechoslovakia);

*Fifth Committee:* Mr. Motoo OGISO (Japan);

*Sixth Committee:* Mr. Eric SUY (Belgium).

*2034th plenary meeting<sup>22</sup>  
20 September 1972*

## **ELECTION OF FIVE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

**(Item 16)**

The General Assembly elected five non-permanent members to the Security Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, ITALY, JAPAN and SOMALIA.

<sup>22</sup> At that meeting the President of the General Assembly announced the results of the elections held by the Committees.

The following Member States were elected: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, INDONESIA, KENYA and PERU.

2070th plenary meeting  
20 October 1972

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*As a result of the above election, the composition of the Security Council for 1973 will be as follows: AUSTRALIA,\*\* AUSTRIA,\*\* CHINA, FRANCE, GUINEA,\* INDIA,\* INDONESIA,\*\* KENYA,\*\* PANAMA,\* PERU,\*\* SUDAN,\* UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.\**

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.  
\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

## ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Item 17)

The General Assembly elected nine members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BRAZIL, FRANCE, GHANA, GREECE, ITALY, KENYA, PERU, SRI LANKA and TUNISIA.

The following Member States were elected: ALGERIA, BRAZIL, FRANCE, MALI, MONGOLIA, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO and UGANDA.

2076th plenary meeting  
31 October 1972

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*As a result of the above election, the composition of the Economic and Social Council for 1973 will be as follows: ALGERIA,\*\*\* BOLIVIA,\*\* BRAZIL,\*\*\* BURUNDI,\*\* CHILE,\*\* CHINA,\*\* FINLAND,\*\* FRANCE,\*\*\* HAITI,\* HUNGARY,\* JAPAN,\*\* LEBANON,\* MADAGASCAR,\* MALAYSIA,\* MALI,\*\*\* MONGOLIA,\*\*\* NETHERLANDS,\*\*\* NEW ZEALAND,\* NIGER,\* POLAND,\*\* SPAIN,\*\*\* TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,\*\*\* UGANDA,\*\*\* UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,\*\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,\*\* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA\* and ZAIRE.\**

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.  
\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.  
\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

## ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(Item 18)

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected five members to the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the following judges:

Sir Muhammad ZAFRULLA KHAN (Pakistan);

Sir Gerald FITZMAURICE (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

Mr. Luis PADILLA NERVO (Mexico);

Mr. Isaac FORSTER (Senegal);

Mr. André GROS (France).

The following members were elected:

Mr. Isaac FORSTER (Senegal);

Mr. André GROS (France);

Mr. NAGENDRA SINGH (India);

Mr. José María RUDA (Argentina);  
Sir Humphrey WALDOCK (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

2075th plenary meeting  
30 October 1972

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*As a result of the above election, the International Court of Justice will be composed of the following members:* Mr. Fouad AMMOUN (Lebanon),\* Mr. Cesar BENGZON (Philippines),\* Mr. Sture PETRÉN (Sweden),\* Mr. Manfred LACHS (Poland),\* Mr. Charles D. ONYEAMA (Nigeria),\* Mr. Hardy C. DILLARD (United States of America),\*\* Mr. Louis IGNACIO-PINTO (Dahomey),\*\* Mr. Federico DE CASTRO (Spain),\*\* Mr. P. D. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),\*\* Mr. Eduardo JIMÉNEZ DE ARÉCHAGA (Uruguay),\*\* Mr. Isaac FORSTER (Senegal),\*\*\* Mr. André GROS (France),\*\*\* Mr. NAGENDRA SINGH (India),\*\*\* Mr. José María RUDA (Argentina)\*\*\* and Sir Humphrey WALDOCK (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).\*\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 5 February 1976.  
\*\* Term of office expires on 5 February 1979.  
\*\*\* Term of office expires on 5 February 1982.

## ELECTION OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(Item 19)

The General Assembly, in pursuance of section II, paragraphs 3 to 5, of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 and its resolution 2954 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, elected fifteen members to the Industrial Development Board to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, GHANA, HUNGARY, IRAN, the IVORY COAST, MALI, MEXICO, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, the PHILIPPINES, SPAIN, TURKEY, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, URUGUAY and VENEZUELA.

The following States were elected: CHINA, FINLAND, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, GREECE, IRAN, LIBERIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, URUGUAY and VENEZUELA.

2106th plenary meeting  
11 December 1972

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*As a result of the above election, the composition of the Industrial Development Board for 1973 will be as follows:* ALGERIA,\* ARGENTINA,\* AUSTRIA,\* BELGIUM,\* BRAZIL,\*\* BULGARIA,\* CHINA,\*\*\* COSTA RICA,\* CUBA,\*\* CZECHOSLOVAKIA,\*\* DENMARK,\*\* EGYPT,\* FINLAND,\*\*\* FRANCE,\*\* GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF,\*\*\* GREECE,\*\*\* INDIA,\*\* INDONESIA,\* IRAN,\*\*\* ITALY,\* JAPAN,\*\* KENYA,\* KUWAIT,\*\* LIBERIA,\*\*\* LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC,\*\* MADAGASCAR,\* MALAYSIA,\*\* MEXICO,\*\*\* NETHERLANDS,\*\* NIGERIA,\*\*\* PERU,\*\* ROMANIA,\*\*\* RWANDA,\*\*\* SENEGAL,\* SPAIN,\*\*\* SRI LANKA,\*\*\* SWEDEN,\* SWITZERLAND,\* THAILAND,\*\* UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,\*\*\* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,\*\* UPPER VOLTA,\*\* URUGUAY\*\*\* and VENEZUELA.\*\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.  
\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.  
\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

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## 2907 (XXVII). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1971/1972,<sup>1</sup>

*Aware* that the statement of the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 31 October 1972<sup>2</sup> provides information on the main developments in the Agency's activities since the report was published,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Observes with appreciation* that there has been a substantial increase in the technical co-operation activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency and in the number of large-scale projects that the Agency is executing for the United Nations Development Programme;

3. *Commends* the International Atomic Energy Agency for the progress it has made in meeting its safeguards responsibilities and in negotiating agreements for the application of safeguards with non-nuclear-weapon States;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

2077th plenary meeting  
31 October 1972

## 2908 (XXVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970,

*Recalling* all its previous resolutions concerning the implementation of the Declaration, in particular resolution 2878 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Deeply concerned* that twelve years after the adoption of the Declaration many Territories are still under colonial and alien domination and that millions of oppressed persons live under conditions of ruthless and blatant colonialist and racist repression,

*Deeply deploring* the continued refusal of the colonial Powers, especially Portugal and South Africa, to implement the Declaration and other relevant resolutions on decolonization, particularly those relating to the Territories under Portuguese domination, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

*Strongly deploring* the policies of those States which, in defiance of the relevant resolutions of the Security

Council, the General Assembly and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, continue to co-operate with the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and with the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia,

*Deeply disturbed* at the intransigent attitude of certain administering Powers which, despite the repeated appeals addressed to them by the General Assembly and the Special Committee, persist in their refusal to co-operate with the Special Committee in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly,

*Reaffirming* its view that racial discrimination in colonial Territories can be eradicated fully and with the greatest speed by the faithful and complete implementation of the Declaration,

*Noting with satisfaction* the proposed arrangements relating to the participation in the work of the Special Committee of representatives of the national liberation movements and leaders of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

*Bearing in mind* the constructive results achieved as a consequence of the dispatch in June 1972 of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Niue, at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, and of the participation of the Special Committee in the United Nations Visiting Mission to observe the elections to the Third House of Assembly of Papua New Guinea in February 1972, at the invitation of the Government of Australia, and noting with deep regret the negative attitude of certain administering Powers which continue to ignore the repeated appeals made by the General Assembly and the Special Committee concerning the sending of United Nations visiting missions to the Territories under their administration,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2621 (XXV) and all other resolutions on decolonization, and calls upon the administering Powers, in accordance with those resolutions, to take all the necessary steps to enable the dependent peoples of the Territories concerned to exercise fully and without further delay their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the work accomplished by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, including in particular its successful series of meetings held in Africa in April 1972, and expresses its appreciation to the Special Committee for its efforts to secure the complete and effective implementation of the Declaration;

3. *Approves* the report of the Special Committee covering its work during 1972,<sup>3</sup> including the programme of work envisaged for 1973;

4. *Urges* all States, in particular the administering Powers, and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee for the speedy implementation of the Declaration and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

<sup>1</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report, 1 July 1971-30 June 1972* (Vienna, July 1972); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/8774).

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings*, 2076th meeting.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/8723/Rev.1).

5. *Reaffirms* that the continuation of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations—including racism, *apartheid* and activities of foreign economic and other interests which exploit colonial peoples, as well as the waging of colonial wars to suppress the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories in Africa—is incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and poses a threat to international peace and security;

6. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of the colonial peoples and peoples under alien domination to exercise their right to self-determination and independence by all the necessary means at their disposal, and notes with satisfaction the progress made by the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories, particularly in Africa, both through their struggle and through reconstruction programmes, towards the national independence of their countries;

7. *Condemns* the policies, pursued by certain colonial Powers in the Territories under their domination, of imposing non-representative régimes and arbitrary constitutions, strengthening the position of foreign economic and other interests, misleading world public opinion and encouraging the systematic influx of foreign immigrants while evicting, displacing and transferring the indigenous inhabitants to other areas, and calls upon those Powers to desist forthwith from such policies;

8. *Urges* all States and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to provide moral and material assistance to all peoples struggling for their freedom and independence in the colonial Territories and to those living under alien domination—in particular to the national liberation movements of the Territories in Africa—in consultation, as appropriate, with the Organization of African Unity;

9. *Requests* all States, directly and through their action in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, to withhold or continue to withhold assistance of any kind from the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and from the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia until they renounce their policy of colonial domination and racial discrimination;

10. *Calls upon* the colonial Powers to withdraw immediately and unconditionally their military bases and installations from colonial Territories and to refrain from establishing new ones;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2621 (XXV) in all Territories which have not attained independence and, in particular, to formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security, and recommends that the Council take such suggestions fully into consideration;

13. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine the compliance of Member States with the

Declaration and with other relevant resolutions on decolonization, particularly those relating to the Territories under Portuguese domination, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia;

14. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to pay particular attention to the small Territories and to recommend to the General Assembly the most appropriate methods and also the steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise fully and without further delay their right to self-determination and independence;

15. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to co-operate with the Special Committee in the discharge of its mandate and, in particular, to participate in the work of the Committee relating to the Territories under their administration;

16. *Calls upon* the administering Powers concerned to co-operate fully with the Special Committee by permitting the access of visiting missions to the colonial Territories in order to secure first-hand information concerning the Territories and to ascertain the wishes and aspirations of the inhabitants of those Territories under their administration;

17. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to enlist the support of national and international organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization in the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and in the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and in particular to assist the Economic and Social Council in the study envisaged in Council resolution 1651 (LI) of 29 October 1971;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and personnel necessary for the implementation of the present resolution as well as the various resolutions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee.

2078th plenary meeting  
2 November 1972

## 2909 (XXVII). Dissemination of information on decolonization

### *The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the question of publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2879 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 concerning the dissemination of information on decolonization,

*Conscious* of the urgent need to arouse world public opinion with a view to assisting effectively the peoples of the colonial Territories to achieve self-determination, freedom and independence and, in particular, to intensify widespread and continuous dissemination of

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. I, paras. 87-98, and chap. III.

information on the struggle for liberation being waged by the peoples in the colonial Territories in Africa guided by their national liberation movements,

*Taking into account* the suggestions of the Special Committee as well as the views of the Office of Public Information on the implementation of these suggestions, as reflected in the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee,

*Recognizing* the importance of publicity as an instrument for furthering the aims and purposes of the Declaration and the need for the Office of Public Information to intensify its efforts to acquaint world public opinion with all aspects of the problems of decolonization,

*Bearing in mind* the important role being played in the widespread dissemination of relevant information by a number of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization,

*Noting with satisfaction* the arrangements made by the Special Committee with a view to assisting the Office of Public Information in the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee relating to the dissemination of information on decolonization,

1. *Approves* the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the question of publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization;

2. *Reaffirms* the vital importance of urgently effecting the widest possible dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of colonialism, in particular the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the peoples in the colonial Territories in Africa, as well as the efforts being made by the international community to assist in the elimination of the remaining vestiges of colonialism in all its forms;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, to the situation in the colonial Territories and to the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the colonial peoples and, *inter alia*:

(a) To intensify the activities of all information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe, and also to establish additional information centres where appropriate, especially in southern Africa;

(b) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and a systematic exchange of the relevant information with that organization;

(c) To enlist, from the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and from those non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, support in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(d) To continue to publish, in consultation with the Special Committee, selected issues of the periodical *Objective: Justice* and the bulletin "United Nations and Southern Africa" in other languages besides English and French;

4. *Requests* Member States, in particular the administering Powers, to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the discharge of the tasks entrusted to him under paragraph 3 above;

5. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, to undertake or intensify, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and within their respective spheres of competence, the large-scale dissemination of the information referred to in paragraph 2 above;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect and prepare on a continuous basis, for redissemination by the Office of Public Information, basic material, studies and articles relating to various aspects of the problems of decolonization;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the effective dissemination of information on decolonization and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

2078th plenary meeting  
2 November 1972

## 2910 (XXVII). International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2505 (XXIV) of 20 November 1969, in which it expressed the firm intention of the United Nations, acting in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to find a solution to the present grave situation in southern Africa,

*Taking into account* the proposal of the Organization of African Unity to convene an international conference against colonialism and *apartheid*,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to organize at Oslo in 1973 an International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and *Apartheid* in Southern Africa and authorizes him to provide the necessary staff and services for the Conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the organization and results of the Conference.

2078th plenary meeting  
2 November 1972

## 2911 (XXVII). Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of Southern Africa and Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Equal Rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,



*Noting with satisfaction* the progress towards national independence and freedom made by the national liberation movements in the colonial Territories of southern Africa and in Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde both through their struggle and through reconstruction programmes,

*Conscious* of the need of the peoples and the national liberation movements of those Territories for assistance and support in their struggle to achieve freedom and independence,

1. *Appeals* to the Governments and the peoples of the world to hold annually a Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of Southern Africa and Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Equal Rights and proposes that the Week should begin on 25 May, Africa Liberation Day;

2. *Recommends* that, on the occasion of the Week, meetings should be held, appropriate materials should be published in the press and broadcast on radio and television and public campaigns should be conducted with a view to obtaining contributions to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity.

2078th plenary meeting  
2 November 1972

**2925 (XXVII). Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States",

*Aware* that the United Nations is duty bound to act persistently for the observance in relations between all States of the principles of refraining from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means, non-interference in domestic affairs, the sovereign equality of all States, the equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and co-operation between States,

*Convinced* of the need to bring about further improvements in the activities of the United Nations and its organs, taking into account the new realities of the world, thus making the United Nations an efficient forum of the international community as a whole, capable of ensuring the participation of all States in the solution of the problems facing mankind,

1. *Recognizes* that it is imperative that the Organization should become a more effective instrument in safeguarding and strengthening the independence and sovereignty of all States, as well as the inalienable right of every people to decide its own fate without any outside interference, and that it should take firm action, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, for the prevention and suppression of acts of aggression or any other acts which may jeopardize international peace and security;

2. *Expresses the conviction* that it is necessary to strengthen the role of the United Nations so that it may bring an increased contribution to the settlement of international issues in the interest of all peoples and of general peace and security;

3. *Urges* all Member States to fulfil their obligations under the Charter and, in accordance with its provisions, to implement the resolutions of United Nations organs;

4. *Strongly appeals* to all Member States to take full advantage of the framework and means provided by the United Nations for the solution of international issues of common interest and to contribute to the identification of ways and means of bringing about the strengthening of the capacity for action and an increase in the effectiveness of the Organization for the attainment of the ideals of peace, freedom and progress of peoples;

5. *Invites* Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 30 June 1973, their views and suggestions on the ways and means of contributing to the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in international life, including proposals for enhancing the effectiveness of the decisions and resolutions adopted by United Nations organs;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the basis of the views and suggestions received under paragraph 5 above, and of the debates on this item, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States".

2090th plenary meeting  
27 November 1972

**2936 (XXVII). Non-use of force in international relations and permanent prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that renunciation of the use or threat of force as proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirmed in the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, contained in General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, contained in Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, is an obligation that all States should respect,

*Noting with concern* that the use of force in various forms is still occurring in violation of the Charter,

*Bearing in mind* that the threat of the use of nuclear weapons continues to exist,

*Guided* by the desire of all peoples to eliminate war and above all to prevent a nuclear disaster,

*Reaffirming*, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter, the inalienable right of States to self-defence against armed attack,

*Mindful* of the principle of the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force and the inherent right of States to recover such territories by all the means at their disposal,

*Reaffirming* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples for their freedom by all appropriate means at their disposal,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear and Thermonuclear Weapons, contained in General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI) of 24 November 1961,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2160 (XXI) of 30 November 1966 on the strict observance of the prohibition of the threat or use of force in international relations, and of the right of peoples to self-determination,

*Believing* that renunciation of the use or threat of force and prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons should be fully observed as a law of international life,

1. *Solemnly declares*, on behalf of the States Members of the Organization, their renunciation of the use or threat of force in all its forms and manifestations in international relations, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and the permanent prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons;

2. *Recommends* that the Security Council should take, as soon as possible, appropriate measures for the full implementation of the present declaration of the General Assembly.

2093rd plenary meeting  
29 November 1972

**2937 (XXVII). Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 2093rd plenary meeting<sup>5</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the application of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for admission to membership in the United Nations,<sup>6</sup>

*Having also noted* the special report of the Security Council in this regard,<sup>7</sup>

*Reaffirming* the principle of universality of membership of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter,

*Considering* that the People's Republic of Bangladesh is eligible for membership in the United Nations,

*Expresses the desire* that the People's Republic of Bangladesh will be admitted to membership in the United Nations at an early date.

2093rd plenary meeting  
29 November 1972

<sup>5</sup> Resolutions 2937 (XXVII) and 2938 (XXVII) were adopted simultaneously by the General Assembly without debate and without a vote following a statement by the President of the Assembly which appears in the verbatim record of the 2093rd plenary meeting (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings, 2093rd meeting*, paras. 153-157).

<sup>6</sup> A/8754. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1972*, document S/10759.

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document A/8776.

**2938 (XXVII). Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 2093rd plenary meeting<sup>5</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having in mind* the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolution 307 (1971) of 21 December 1971,

*Having noted with satisfaction* the steps taken so far to facilitate the restoration of conditions of normalcy in the South Asian subcontinent, notably the Simla Agreement,

*Mindful* of the fact that the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949<sup>8</sup> require the release and repatriation of prisoners of war without delay after the cessation of active hostilities,

*Considering* that the solution of all outstanding problems, including the return of military and civilian personnel to their respective countries, is important for the establishment of a climate of peace and tranquillity in the area,

*Expressing the hope* that all parties will refrain from any act which could jeopardize the prospects of settlement and render more difficult eventual reconciliation,

*Expresses the desire* that the parties concerned make all possible efforts, in a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect, to reach a fair settlement of the issues that are still pending, and calls for the return of the prisoners of war in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 307 (1971).

2093rd plenary meeting  
29 November 1972

**2948 (XXVII). Credentials of representatives to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly*

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee,<sup>9</sup> except with regard to the credentials of the representatives of South Africa.

2104th plenary meeting  
8 December 1972

**2949 (XXVII). The situation in the Middle East**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East",

*Having received* the report of the Secretary-General of 15 September 1972 on the activities of his Special Representative to the Middle East,<sup>10</sup>

<sup>8</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document A/8921.

<sup>10</sup> A/8815. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1972*, document S/10792.

*Reaffirming* that Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 must be implemented in all its parts,

*Deeply perturbed* that Security Council resolution 242 (1967) and General Assembly resolution 2799 (XXVI) of 13 December 1971 have not been implemented and, consequently, the envisaged just and lasting peace in the Middle East has not been achieved,

*Reiterating its grave concern* at the continuation of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories since 5 June 1967,

*Reaffirming* that the territory of a State shall not be the object of occupation or acquisition by another State resulting from the threat or use of force,

*Affirming* that changes in the physical character or demographic composition of occupied territories are contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as to the provisions of the relevant applicable international conventions,

*Convinced* that the grave situation prevailing in the Middle East constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security,

*Reaffirming* the responsibility of the United Nations to restore peace and security in the Middle East in the immediate future,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2799 (XXVI);

2. *Deplores* the non-compliance by Israel with General Assembly resolution 2799 (XXVI), which in particular called upon Israel to respond favourably to the peace initiative of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Middle East;

3. *Expresses its full support* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative;

4. *Declares once more* that the acquisition of territories by force is inadmissible and that, consequently, territories thus occupied must be restored;

5. *Reaffirms* that the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East should include the application of both the following principles:

(a) Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;

(b) Termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and its right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force;

6. *Invites* Israel to declare publicly its adherence to the principle of non-annexation of territories through the use of force;

7. *Declares* that changes carried out by Israel in the occupied Arab territories in contravention of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949<sup>11</sup> are null and void, and calls upon Israel to rescind forthwith all such measures and to desist from all policies and practices affecting the physical character or demographic composition of the occupied Arab territories;

8. *Calls upon* all States not to recognize any such changes and measures carried out by Israel in the occupied Arab territories and invites them to avoid actions, including actions in the field of aid, that could constitute recognition of that occupation;

<sup>11</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

9. *Recognizes* that respect for the rights of the Palestinians is an indispensable element in the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

10. *Requests* the Security Council, in consultation with the Secretary-General and his Special Representative, to take all appropriate steps with a view to the full and speedy implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967), taking into account all the relevant resolutions and documents of the United Nations in this connexion;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council and the General Assembly on the progress made by him and his Special Representative in the implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967) and of the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to transmit the present resolution to the Security Council for its appropriate action and requests the Council to keep the General Assembly informed.

2105th plenary meeting  
8 December 1972

## 2954 (XXVII). Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* section II, paragraph 4, of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 on the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Decides* to include Bangladesh in list A of the annex to its resolution 2152 (XXI).<sup>12</sup>

2106th plenary meeting  
11 December 1972

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*As a result of the above resolution, the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board will be as follows:*

### A. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 4 (a), OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2152 (XXI)

Afghanistan	Gabon
Algeria	Gambia
Bahrain	Ghana
Bangladesh	Guinea
Bhutan	India
Botswana	Indonesia
Burma	Iran
Burundi	Iraq
Cameroon	Israel
Central African Republic	Ivory Coast
Chad	Jordan
China	Kenya
Congo	Khmer Republic
Dahomey	Kuwait
Democratic Yemen	Laos
Egypt	Lebanon
Equatorial Guinea	Lesotho
Ethiopia	Liberia
Fiji	Libyan Arab Republic

<sup>12</sup> For the other changes in the lists since the adoption of resolution 2152 (XXI), see resolutions 2385 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968, 2510 (XXIV) of 21 November 1969, 2637 (XXV) of 19 November 1970 and 2824 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971.

Madagascar	Sierra Leone
Malawi	Singapore
Malaysia	Somalia
Maldives	South Africa
Mali	Sri Lanka
Mauritania	Sudan
Mauritius	Swaziland
Mongolia	Syrian Arab Republic
Morocco	Thailand
Nepal	Togo
Niger	Tunisia
Nigeria	Uganda
Oman	United Arab Emirates
Pakistan	United Republic of Tanzania
Philippines	Upper Volta
Qatar	Western Samoa
Republic of Korea	Yemen
Republic of Viet-Nam	Yugoslavia
Rwanda	Zaire
Saudi Arabia	Zambia
Senegal	

B. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II,  
PARAGRAPH 4 (b)

Australia	Luxembourg
Austria	Malta
Belgium	Monaco
Canada	Netherlands
Cyprus	New Zealand
Denmark	Norway
Finland	Portugal
France	San Marino
Germany, Federal Republic of	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Holy See	Switzerland
Iceland	Turkey
Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	
Japan	
Liechtenstein	United States of America

C. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II,  
PARAGRAPH 4 (c)

Argentina	Guyana
Barbados	Haiti
Bolivia	Honduras
Brazil	Jamaica
Chile	Mexico
Colombia	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	Panama
Cuba	Paraguay
Dominican Republic	Peru
Ecuador	Trinidad and Tobago
El Salvador	Uruguay
Guatemala	Venezuela

D. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II,  
PARAGRAPH 4 (d)

Albania	Poland
Bulgaria	Romania
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Czechoslovakia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Hungary	

**2962 (XXVII). Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965, 2193 (XXI) of 15 December 1966, 2505

(XXIV) of 20 November 1969 and 2863 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

*Noting with satisfaction* the further development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, especially in their efforts to solve the grave situation in southern Africa,

*Noting in particular* the results of the meetings held by the Security Council in Addis Ababa, from 28 January to 4 February 1972,<sup>13</sup> in response to the invitation of the Organization of African Unity,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity<sup>14</sup> and commends his efforts in promoting such co-operation;

2. *Reiterates* the firm intention of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to find a solution to the present grave situation in southern Africa;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to intensify co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa and the dissemination of information on the present grave situation in that region;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to continue and intensify their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

*2108th plenary meeting  
13 December 1972*

**2991 (XXVII). Report of the Security Council**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 June 1971 to 15 June 1972,<sup>15</sup> submitted in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Having also received* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>16</sup> submitted in accordance with General As-

<sup>13</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year*, 1627th to 1639th meetings.

<sup>14</sup> A/8859.

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/8702).*

<sup>16</sup> A/8847 and Add.1.

sembly resolution 2864 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Taking note* of the views and suggestions contained in the report of the Secretary-General and in the replies of Member States annexed to that report,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 June 1971 to 15 June 1972, as well as the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with Assembly resolution 2864 (XXVI);

2. *Calls upon* Member States to ensure the strict application of the decisions of the Security Council

in accordance with Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Appeals* to Member States which have not yet expressed their views on ways and means of enhancing the effectiveness of the Security Council in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Charter to do so by 30 June 1973 at the latest;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

2111th plenary meeting  
15 December 1972

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### **Other decisions**

#### **Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations**

##### **(Item 7)**

At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly took note of the communication dated 20 September 1972 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly.<sup>17</sup>

#### **Adoption of the agenda**

##### **(Item 8)**

At its 2035th, 2036th, 2037th, 2047th, 2070th and 2081st plenary meetings, on 22, 23 and 29 September, 20 October and 9 November 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,<sup>18</sup> adopted the agenda for the twenty-seventh session.

At its 2035th and 2036th plenary meetings, on 22 and 23 September 1972, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee,<sup>19</sup> to include the following items in the provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session:

Measures to be taken against ideologies and practices based on terror or on incitement to racial discrimination or any other form of group hatred.

Declaration on Universal Participation in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

Question of issuing special invitations to States which are not Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency or parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to become parties to the Convention on Special Missions.

Amendment to Article 22 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (Seat of the Court) and consequential amendments to Articles 23 and 28.

Question of Korea: report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.

Creation of favourable conditions to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

#### **Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization**

##### **(Item 10)**

At its 2108th plenary meeting, on 13 December 1972, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>17</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 7, document A/8816.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 8, documents A/8800/Rev.1 and Add.1 and 2. For the allocation of agenda items, see above pp. v-xi.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/8800/Rev.1, paras. 15 and 16.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/8701 and Corr.1) and *Supplement No. 1A* (A/8701/Add.1).

**Report of the Economic and Social Council**

(Item 12)

At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly took note of chapters I, II, XX and XXI (section A) of the report of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>21</sup>

**Report of the International Court of Justice**

(Item 14)

At its 2108th plenary meeting, on 13 December 1972, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.<sup>22</sup>

**Appointments to fill vacancies in the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

(Item 22)

At its 2104th plenary meeting, on 8 December 1972, the General Assembly confirmed the nomination by its President of CHILE and the CONGO as members of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to fill two of the three vacancies on the Special Committee.

The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General<sup>23</sup> that, in pursuance of the decision taken at the 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, he had appointed AUSTRALIA to fill the remaining vacancy on the Special Committee.

As a result, the Special Committee is composed of the following Member States: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, BULGARIA, CHILE, CHINA, CONGO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, IVORY COAST, MALI, SIERRA LEONE, SWEDEN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.

**Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

(Item 43 (c))

At its 2115th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1972, the General Assembly confirmed the reappointment by the Secretary-General,<sup>24</sup> in pursuance of section II, paragraph 27, of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, of Mr. Manuel PÉREZ GUERRERO as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for a one-year term beginning on 1 April 1973 and ending on 31 March 1974.

**Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization**

(Item 44 (c))

At its 2106th plenary meeting, on 11 December 1972, the General Assembly confirmed the reappointment by the Secretary-General,<sup>25</sup> in pursuance of section II, paragraph 18, of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966, of Mr. Ibrahim Helmi ABDEL-RAHMAN as Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1973 and ending on 31 December 1974.

**Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia**

(Item 64 (e))

At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly approved the proposal of the Secretary-General<sup>26</sup> to extend the appointment of Mr. Agha Abdul HAMID as United Nations Commissioner for Namibia until 31 December 1973.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703).

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (A/8705).

<sup>23</sup> A/8992.

<sup>24</sup> A/8838.

<sup>25</sup> A/8872.

<sup>26</sup> A/8799.

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**2914 (XXVII). International action for the mitigation of the harmful effects of storms***The General Assembly,*

Aware of the continuing harmful effects of storms and the devastation they cause, particularly to developing countries, whose economies and developmental efforts are thereby seriously impaired,

Concerned over recent calamities inflicted by storms, resulting in tremendous losses of life and property in various parts of the world,

Believing that recent advances in science and technology have opened up new avenues towards moderating the effects of these destructive natural forces,

Recalling its resolutions 1721 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and 2733 D (XXV) of 16 December 1970 and noting the work being undertaken and the progress achieved in response to them,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its resumed fifteenth session, held from 5 to 15 September 1972,

*Bearing in mind* the various recommendations in the field of natural disaster prevention and the measures adopted in General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 with a view to improving the co-ordination and effectiveness of international efforts to deal with natural disasters, and stressing the importance of pre-disaster planning,

*Noting* the work being carried out by the joint Typhoon Committee of the World Meteorological Organization and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the large degree of collaboration between the World Meteorological Organization and other national, regional and international organizations in matters relating to tropical cyclones,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the World Meteorological Organization entitled "Tropical cyclone project: plan of action",<sup>1</sup> prepared by its Executive Committee Panel of Experts on Tropical Cyclones in response to General Assembly resolution 2733 D (XXV) of 16 December 1970, in which the Assembly requested the World Meteorological Organization to find ways and means of mitigating the harmful effects of tropical storms;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the plan of action should be brought to the attention of Member States;<sup>2</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to co-operate to the fullest possible extent with the World Meteorological Organization with a view to achieving the objectives laid down in resolution 2733 D (XXV);

4. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to pursue actively the implementation of its tropical cyclone project, continuing and intensifying its other related action programmes, including the World Weather Watch and, especially, the efforts being undertaken towards obtaining basic meteorological data and discovering ways and means to mitigate the harmful effects of tropical storms and to remove or minimize their destructive potential;

5. *Calls upon* the Member States concerned to undertake or intensify research, as well as operational projects, towards this end and requests other Member States to contribute and assist in these projects;

6. *Recommends* integrated action through increased co-operation and co-ordination between the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the future United Nations environment programme, particularly with regard to the preparedness for, and the prediction, detection, prevention and control of, natural disasters;

7. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to submit a report, through the Secretary-General, to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its next session, to the Economic and Social Council and to such other United Nations bodies as may be appropriate on the progress achieved and on the co-operation measures and other steps taken pursuant to the present and other relevant resolutions.

2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972

<sup>1</sup> See A/AC.105/105.

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/8720), para. 29.*

## 2915 (XXVII). International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2776 (XXVI), 2777 (XXVI), 2778 (XXVI) and 2779 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,<sup>3</sup>

*Reaffirming* the common interest of mankind in furthering the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Recalling* its resolution 1721 B (XVI) of 20 December 1961, in which it expressed the belief that the United Nations should provide a focal point for international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

*Believing* that the benefits deriving from space exploration can be extended to States at all stages of economic and scientific development on an expanding basis if Member States conduct their space programmes increasingly with a view to promoting maximum international co-operation, including the widest possible exchange of information in this field,

*Convinced* of the need for increased international efforts, particularly through the United Nations, to promote and expand practical applications of space technology,

*Reaffirming* the importance of international co-operation in developing the rule of law in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

2. *Invites* States which have not yet become parties to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies<sup>4</sup> and the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space<sup>5</sup> to give early consideration to ratifying or acceding to those agreements so that they may have the broadest possible effect;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the recent entry into force of the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects<sup>6</sup> and invites States that have not yet become parties to it to give early consideration to ratifying or acceding to the Convention so that it may have the broadest possible effect;

4. *Notes* that the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space has achieved significant progress in approving a substantial part of the draft treaty relating to the Moon, observing at the same time that some issues are still unresolved;

5. *Notes further* that the Legal Sub-Committee has made notable progress in preparing the draft convention on registration of objects launched into outer space, observing at the same time that some issues are still unresolved;

6. *Agrees* that the Legal Sub-Committee should at its next session pursue, as a matter of priority, its work on the draft treaty relating to the Moon and the draft convention on registration of objects launched into outer space;

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 20 (A/8720).

<sup>4</sup> See resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

<sup>5</sup> See resolution 2345 (XXII), annex.

<sup>6</sup> See resolution 2777 (XXVI), annex.



7. *Notes* that, because of lack of time, the Legal Sub-Committee was not able to consider in any detail the remaining matters on its agenda, as mentioned in paragraph 19 of the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and expresses the hope that early consideration will be given to those matters;

8. *Welcomes* efforts of Member States to keep the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space fully informed of their space activities and invites all Member States to do so;

9. *Welcomes also* the continuing progress achieved by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the Secretary-General, through the Expert on Space Applications, in their efforts to develop the United Nations programme on space applications into a significant means of promoting international co-operation in this field and commends to the attention of Member States, the specialized agencies and interested United Nations bodies the programme set forth in the report of the Committee's Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee on the work of its ninth session;<sup>7</sup>

10. *Endorses* the United Nations programme on space applications for 1973 and the guidelines for the programme for 1974 and recommends the continuing development of the programme, taking especially into account the needs of the developing countries;

11. *Notes with appreciation* that several Member States have offered educational and training facilities, under United Nations sponsorship, in the practical application of space technology and draws the attention of Member States, particularly the developing countries, to these opportunities as outlined in paragraphs 28 to 32 of the report of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee;

12. *Notes with appreciation* that data from experiments testing the feasibility of remote sensing of the earth from space platforms will soon be made available to the Working Group on Remote Sensing of the Earth by Satellites;

13. *Welcomes* the fact that the Working Group on Remote Sensing of the Earth by Satellites plans to begin its substantive work in January 1973 and notes that the Working Group has requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2778 (XXVI), a background paper assessing the documents and other data brought to its attention, including the data referred to in paragraph 12 above, and that it has set up a task force to assist the Secretary-General in this respect;

14. *Looks forward* to a comprehensive progress report on remote sensing to be submitted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

15. *Takes note with gratification* of the consideration being devoted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to the potential of satellites and other space platforms in monitoring the environment with a view to helping to achieve the objectives of the future United Nations environment programme;

16. *Welcomes* the efforts of a number of Member States to share with other interested Member States the practical benefits that may be derived from programmes in space technology;

17. *Welcomes* the further progress achieved in international co-operation among Member States in space

research and exploration, including in particular the continuing exchange and analysis of lunar material on a broad international basis, experiments in earth resources surveying making use of the United States satellite ERTS-I and the agreement between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the development of compatible rendezvous and docking systems for manned spacecraft with a view to developing joint flight and improved rescue capabilities;

18. *Notes* that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space has recommended that its Working Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites, in view of its interdisciplinary character and its co-ordinating functions, should be reconvened to study the substantive material concerning the subject-matter under its mandate that has become available since the Working Group's last session, in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of the Committee's report;

19. *Reiterates* the importance of the goal of making satellite communications available to States on a worldwide and non-discriminatory basis, as expressed in General Assembly resolution 1721 D (XVI) of 20 December 1961;

20. *Takes note* of the progress achieved in implementing agreements relating to space communications recently concluded among a number of States and reiterates the desirability of keeping the United Nations currently informed concerning activities and developments in this field;

21. *Approves* continuing sponsorship by the United Nations of the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station in India and the CELPA Mar del Plata Station in Argentina, expresses its satisfaction at the work being carried out at these ranges in relation to the use of sounding rocket facilities for international co-operation and training in the peaceful and scientific exploration of outer space and recommends that Member States should continue to give consideration to the use of those facilities for space research activities;

22. *Welcomes* the announcement by Sweden that the ESRANGE-Kiruna range will also be made available for international co-operative projects;

23. *Notes* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1721 B (XVI) of 20 December 1961, the Secretary-General continues to maintain a public registry of objects launched into orbit or beyond on the basis of information furnished by Member States;

24. *Notes with appreciation* that a number of specialized agencies, in particular the World Meteorological Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, have continued to take an active part in the United Nations programme for the promotion of international co-operation in the practical application of space technology, including the organization of technical panels;

25. *Takes note* of the programmes currently undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Telecommunication Union in satellite broadcasting for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of education and training, including consideration by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of the draft Declaration of Guiding Principles on the Use of Satellite Broadcasting for the Free Flow of

<sup>7</sup> A/AC.105/102.

Information, the Spread of Education and Greater Cultural Exchange,<sup>8</sup> and also notes the need to co-ordinate activities of the specialized agencies in this field with the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space as set out in General Assembly resolution 2776 (XXVI);

26. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue, as appropriate, to provide the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space with progress reports on their work relating to the peaceful uses of outer space and to examine and report to the Committee on the particular problems that may arise from the use of outer space in the fields within their competence and that should, in their opinion, be brought to the attention of the Committee;

27. *Notes* that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space has agreed to grant observer status to the European Space Research Organization and the European Launcher Development Organization and to invite them to participate in the Committee's work;

28. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work, as set out in the present resolution and in previous resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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**2916 (XXVII). Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2222 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, in which it stressed the importance of international co-operation in the field of activities in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space and the importance of developing the rule of law in this new area of human endeavour,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2453 B (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, in which it stated that the benefits of space exploration can be extended to States at all stages of economic and scientific development,

*Reaffirming* the common interest of all mankind in furthering the peaceful exploration and use of outer space for the benefit of all States and for the development of friendly relations and mutual understanding among them,

*Bearing in mind* that direct television broadcasting should help to draw the peoples of the world closer together, to widen the exchange of information and cultural values and to enhance the educational level of people in various countries,

*Considering* at the same time that direct television broadcasting by means of satellites should take place under conditions in which this new form of space technology will serve only the lofty goals of peace and friendship among peoples,

*Mindful* of the need to prevent the conversion of direct television broadcasting into a source of international conflict and of aggravation of the relations among States and to protect the sovereignty of States from any external interference,

<sup>8</sup> See A/AC.105/104.

*Noting* the draft convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting, submitted to the General Assembly by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,<sup>9</sup>

*Desiring* to further the elaboration of specific rules of international law governing the activities of States in this field on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations, the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies<sup>10</sup> and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>11</sup>

*Believing* that the activity of States in the field of direct television broadcasting must be based on the principles of mutual respect for sovereignty, non-interference in domestic affairs, equality, co-operation and mutual benefit,

*Considering* at the same time that the introduction of direct television broadcasting by means of satellites could raise significant problems connected with the need to ensure the free flow of communications on a basis of strict respect for the sovereign rights of States,

1. *Considers* it necessary to elaborate principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting with a view to concluding an international agreement or agreements;

2. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to undertake the elaboration of such principles as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space all documentation relating to the discussion, at the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, of the item entitled "Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting".

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**2917 (XXVII). Preparation of international instruments or United Nations arrangements on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2448 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, dealing with freedom of information, and the preamble of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,<sup>12</sup> which stipulates that General Assembly resolution 110 (II) of 3 November 1947 is applicable to outer space,

*Notes* that the work done on the draft Convention on Freedom of Information and deliberations thereon in the General Assembly may be useful in the discussion

<sup>9</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda items 28, 29 and 37, document A/8771.

<sup>10</sup> See resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

<sup>11</sup> See resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>12</sup> See resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

and elaboration of international instruments or United Nations arrangements relative to direct television broadcasting.

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## 2930 (XXVII). World Disarmament Conference

*The General Assembly,*

Conscious of the responsibility of the United Nations under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and for disarmament,

Convinced that all peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations,

Believing it imperative that all States exert further efforts for the adoption of effective measures of disarmament and, more particularly, nuclear disarmament,

Believing also that a world disarmament conference could promote and facilitate the realization of such aims,

Deeply convinced that substantial progress in the field of disarmament can be achieved only by ensuring adequate conditions of security for all States,

Convinced also that all States should contribute to the adoption of measures for the achievement of this goal,

Recalling resolution 2833 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, in which the General Assembly expressed the conviction that it is most desirable to take immediate steps in order that careful consideration be given to the convening, following adequate preparation, of a world disarmament conference open to all States,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>13</sup> containing the views and suggestions of States on the questions relating to the holding of a world disarmament conference,

Noting also all the views and suggestions expressed by Member States during the debate in plenary meeting and in the First Committee at the current session,

1. Invites the Governments of all States to exert further efforts with a view to creating adequate conditions for the convening of a world disarmament conference at an appropriate time;

2. Considers it necessary to set up a special committee to examine all the views and suggestions expressed by Governments on the convening of a world disarmament conference and related problems and to submit, on the basis of consensus, a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

3. Decides to establish a Special Committee on the World Disarmament Conference consisting of thirty-five Member States, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly after consultation with all the regional groups and taking due consideration of the necessity to ensure adequate political and geographical representation;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the Special Committee in its work;

<sup>13</sup> A/8817 and Add.1.

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "World Disarmament Conference".

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The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General<sup>14</sup> that, in pursuance of paragraph 3 of the above resolution, he had "decided to appoint the following thirty-one Member States to serve on the Special Committee on the World Disarmament Conference: ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, ITALY, JAPAN, LIBERIA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, ROMANIA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAMBIA". He added that "In accordance with the widely expressed wish, the remaining four seats will be reserved for the nuclear States which may wish to become members of the Special Committee in the future".

## 2931 (XXVII). Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 2664 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Having considered the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency for the year 1971/1972,<sup>15</sup>

Aware of the steps taken in amending article VI of the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency to expand the membership of the Board of Governors,

Noting that the International Atomic Energy Agency is carrying out a survey of the market for nuclear power in selected developing countries to assess the extent of the market for various types and sizes of nuclear reactors,

Noting further that the number of countries and international organizations participating in the International Nuclear Information System has increased and that the system is to operate with full subject scope by the end of 1972,

Noting with satisfaction that the International Atomic Energy Agency is continuing its efforts to ensure the supply to its member States, when required, of special fissionable materials, including materials for power reactors,

Taking note of the increase in the target for voluntary contributions to the programme of technical assistance of the International Atomic Energy Agency to \$US 3 million,

1. Expresses appreciation for the action taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency on the recommendations of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States;

2. Hopes that, in the context of development goals, the over-all expansion in resources available to the International Atomic Energy Agency for technical co-operation will continue;

<sup>14</sup> A/8990.

<sup>15</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report, 1 July 1971-30 June 1972* (Vienna, July 1972); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/8774).

3. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to keep under review ways and means of allowing the developing countries to benefit fully, and in accordance with their respective stages of nuclear industrialization, from the technical assistance provided by international organizations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to the recommendations of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States;

5. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency, in consultation with the specialized agencies and other bodies concerned, to submit, in its annual report to the General Assembly, information on further action concerning the implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States.

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## 2932 (XXVII). General and complete disarmament

### A

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* that all armed conflicts and the use of any weapons bring suffering and that the only effective means of eliminating this suffering is through the elimination of armed conflicts and through general and complete disarmament,

*Recalling* the general rules of international law that the use of weapons that cause unnecessary suffering is especially forbidden and that only military targets are legitimate objects of attack,

*Convinced* that the widespread use of many weapons and the emergence of new methods of warfare that cause unnecessary suffering or are indiscriminate call urgently for renewed efforts by Governments to seek, through legal means, the prohibition of the use of such weapons and of indiscriminate and cruel methods of warfare and, if possible, through measures of disarmament, the elimination of specific, especially cruel or indiscriminate weapons,

*Conscious* that incendiary weapons have always constituted a category of arms viewed with horror and that the International Conference on Human Rights, held at Teheran in 1968, in its resolution XXIII on human rights in armed conflicts<sup>16</sup> considered napalm bombing to be among the methods and means that erode human rights,

*Noting* that complete proposals for both elimination and non-use of incendiary weapons were advanced at the disarmament negotiations in 1933 and that proposals have recently been made to prohibit or restrict their use,

*Recalling* that the Secretary-General, in his reports on human rights in armed conflicts of 20 November 1969 and 18 September 1970, stated the view that the legality or otherwise of the use of napalm would seem to be a question calling for study that might eventually

be resolved in an international document that would clarify the situation,<sup>17</sup>

*Recalling further* that, in response to an express suggestion made by the Secretary-General<sup>18</sup> in his report of 18 September 1970, the General Assembly, by paragraph 5 of resolution 2852 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, requested him to prepare as soon as possible, with the help of qualified governmental consultant experts, a report on napalm and other incendiary weapons and all aspects of their possible use,

*Noting* that the report of the Secretary-General entitled *Napalm and Other Incendiary Weapons and All Aspects of Their Possible Use*<sup>19</sup> concludes that the massive spread of fire through incendiary weapons is largely indiscriminate in its effects on military and civilian targets,<sup>20</sup>

*Noting further* the conclusion that burn injuries, whether sustained directly from the action of incendiaries or as a result of fires initiated by them, are intensely painful and require exceptional resources for their medical treatment that are far beyond the reach of most countries,<sup>21</sup>

*Noting finally* the conclusion that the rapid increase in the military use of these weapons is but one aspect of the more general phenomenon of the increasing mobilization of science and technology for purposes of total war, alongside which the long-upheld principle of the immunity of the non-combatant appears to be receding from the military consciousness, and that these trends have grave implications for the world community,<sup>22</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General entitled *Napalm and Other Incendiary Weapons and All Aspects of Their Possible Use* and expresses appreciation to him for having submitted it without delay;

2. *Takes note* of the views expressed in the report regarding the use, production, development and stockpiling of napalm and other incendiary weapons;

3. *Deplores* the use of napalm and other incendiary weapons in all armed conflicts;

4. *Commends* the report to the attention of all Governments and peoples;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish the report for wide circulation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the report to the Governments of Member States for their comments and to report on these comments to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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### B

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2602 A (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, whereby it appealed to the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, which on 17 November 1969 had initiated bilateral negotiations on the limita-

<sup>17</sup> A/7720, para. 200; A/8052, para. 125.

<sup>18</sup> A/8052, para. 126.

<sup>19</sup> A/8803/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.1.3).

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 186.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 187.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 190.

<sup>16</sup> *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 18.

tion of offensive and defensive strategic nuclear-weapon systems, to agree, as an urgent preliminary measure, on a moratorium on further testing and deployment of new offensive and defensive strategic nuclear-weapon systems,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the first phase of such negotiations resulted in the conclusion, on 26 May 1972, of three bilateral instruments on the above-mentioned matter<sup>23</sup> and that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America announced that they had entered, on 21 November 1972, a second phase of negotiations,

*Convinced* of the necessity that the renewed negotiations should bring about early and positive results in the field of nuclear disarmament,

1. *Appeals* to the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to make every effort to expedite the conclusion of further agreements including important qualitative limitations and substantial reductions of offensive and defensive strategic nuclear-weapon systems;

2. *Invites* those two Governments to keep the General Assembly informed of the results of their negotiations.

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### 2933 (XXVII). Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 2454 A (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2603 B (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2662 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2827 A (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,

*Expressing its determination* to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament, including the prohibition and elimination of all types of weapons of mass destruction such as those using chemical or bacteriological (biological) agents,

*Noting* that the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction<sup>24</sup> has been opened for signature and has already been signed by a large number of States,

*Convinced* that the Convention is a first possible step towards the achievement of early agreement on the effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on the elimination of such weapons from military arsenals of all States, and determined to continue negotiations to this end,

*Recalling* the provisions of article IX of that Convention,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly has repeatedly condemned all actions contrary to the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925,<sup>25</sup>

<sup>23</sup> See A/C.1/1026.

<sup>24</sup> See resolution 2826 (XXVI), annex.

<sup>25</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV, No. 2138, p. 65.

*Reaffirming* the need for the strict observance by all States of the principles and objectives of that Protocol,

*Having considered* the report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament,<sup>26</sup>

*Noting* that a work programme, a draft convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction, and other working papers, proposals and suggestions were submitted to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament,

*Conscious* of the benefits to mankind that would result from the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons,

*Desiring* to create a favourable atmosphere for a successful outcome of these negotiations,

1. *Reaffirms* the recognized objective of effective prohibition of chemical weapons;

2. *Reiterates*, to this end, the request made by the General Assembly to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, in resolution 2827 A (XXVI), to continue negotiations, as a matter of high priority, with a view to reaching early agreement on effective measures for the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and for their destruction;

3. *Stresses* the importance of working towards the complete realization of the objective of effective prohibition of chemical weapons as set forth in the present resolution and urges Governments to work towards that end;

4. *Reaffirms* its hope for the widest possible adherence to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction;

5. *Invites* all States that have not yet done so to accede to the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare of 17 June 1925 and/or ratify this Protocol, and calls anew for the strict observance by all States of the principles and objectives contained therein;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament all documents of the First Committee relating to questions connected with the problem of chemical weapons and chemical methods of warfare;

7. *Requests* the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to report on the results of its negotiations to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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### 2934 (XXVII). Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests

A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the urgent need for the cessation of nuclear and thermonuclear weapon tests,

<sup>26</sup> Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for 1972, document DC/235.

*Recalling* its resolution 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, by which it declared the decade of the 1970s as a Disarmament Decade, and its resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, which contains the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 914 (X) of 16 December 1955, 1762 (XVII) of 6 November 1962, 1910 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2032 (XX) of 3 December 1965, 2163 (XXI) of 5 December 1966, 2343 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2455 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2604 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2663 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2828 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,

## I

*Noting with regret* that all States have not yet adhered to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, signed in Moscow on 5 August 1963,<sup>27</sup>

*Expressing serious concern* that testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere has continued in some parts of the world, including the Pacific area, in disregard of the spirit of that Treaty and of world opinion,

*Noting* in this connexion the statements made by the Governments of various countries in and around the Pacific area, expressing strong opposition to those tests and urging that they be halted,

1. *Stresses anew* the urgency of bringing to a halt all atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons in the Pacific or anywhere else in the world;

2. *Urges* all States that have not yet done so to adhere without further delay to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water and, meanwhile, to refrain from testing in the environments covered by that Treaty;

## II

*Noting* that no less than nine years have elapsed since the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water came into force,

*Taking into account* the determination expressed by the parties to that Treaty to continue negotiations to conclude a treaty resulting in the permanent banning of all nuclear weapon test explosions,

1. *Declares* that a treaty banning all nuclear weapon tests is an important element in the consolidation of the progress towards disarmament and arms control made thus far and that it would greatly facilitate future progress in these fields;

2. *Calls upon* all nuclear-weapon States to suspend nuclear weapon tests in all environments;

3. *Calls upon* the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to give urgent consideration to the question of a treaty banning all nuclear weapon tests, taking into account the views already expressed in the Conference, the opinions stated at the current session of the General Assembly and, above all, the pressing need for the early conclusion of such a treaty.

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<sup>27</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 480, No. 6964, p. 43.

## B

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* of the dangers to mankind presented by a continuation of the nuclear arms race,

*Believing* that a cessation of all nuclear and thermonuclear weapon tests, including those carried out underground, would contribute to a deceleration of the nuclear arms race, to the promotion of further arms control and disarmament measures, and to a reduction in world tension,

*Believing further* that a cessation of all nuclear weapon testing would inhibit the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons,

*Noting with regret* that not all States have yet adhered to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, signed in Moscow on 5 August 1963,<sup>28</sup>

*Noting with regret* that, despite the determination expressed by parties to that Treaty to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time, parties to the Treaty continue to test nuclear weapons underground and that no specific proposals for an underground test ban agreement are under negotiation,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly has repeatedly expressed its concern regarding the continuation of nuclear and thermonuclear weapon testing, in particular in its resolutions 914 (X) of 16 December 1955, 1762 (XVII) of 6 November 1962, 1910 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2032 (XX) of 3 December 1965, 2163 (XXI) of 5 December 1966, 2343 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2455 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2604 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2663 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2828 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,

*Having considered* the report submitted on 26 September 1972 by the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament,<sup>29</sup> and in particular the sections thereof concerned with achieving a comprehensive test ban,

*Noting with satisfaction* the completion of a first set of bilateral agreements on the limitation of strategic arms and expressing the hope that the progress so far achieved will lead to further agreed limitations on nuclear arms and be conducive to the negotiation of a ban on underground nuclear weapon testing,

1. *Stresses again* the urgency of halting all nuclear weapon testing in all environments by all States;

2. *Urges* all States that have not yet done so to adhere without further delay to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water and, meanwhile, to refrain from testing in the environments covered by that Treaty;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments conducting underground nuclear weapon tests, particularly those parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, immediately to undertake unilateral or negotiated measures that would suspend or reduce such testing, pending the early entry into force of a ban on all nuclear weapon tests in all environments;

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>29</sup> *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for 1972*, document DC/235.

4. *Urges* Governments that have been carrying out nuclear weapon tests to take an active and constructive part in presenting and developing in the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, or in any other appropriate body, specific proposals for a comprehensive test ban;

5. *Requests* the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to give first priority to its deliberations on a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests, taking full account of views of experts and of technical developments bearing on the verification of such a treaty, and further requests the Conference to submit a special report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the results of its deliberations on this matter;

6. *Urges* Governments to take all appropriate measures further to develop existing capabilities for detection and identification of underground nuclear tests through seismological and other technical means, and to increase international co-operation in the elaboration of relevant techniques and evaluation of seismographic data, in order to facilitate an underground nuclear weapon test ban;

7. *Calls upon* Governments to seek as a matter of urgency a halt to all nuclear weapon testing, and to endeavour to achieve at the earliest possible date a comprehensive test ban and to obtain universal adherence to such a ban.

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## C

### *The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming its deep apprehension* concerning the harmful consequences of nuclear weapon tests for the acceleration of the arms race and for the health of present and future generations of mankind,

*Deploing* that the General Assembly has not yet succeeded in its aim of achieving a comprehensive test ban, despite twenty-one successive resolutions on the subject,

*Deploing further* that the determination expressed by the original parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, signed in Moscow on 5 August 1963,<sup>30</sup> to pursue negotiations to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time has not so far produced the desired results,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1762 A (XVII) of 6 November 1962 and 2828 A (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, whereby all nuclear weapon tests, without exception, were condemned,

1. *Reiterates once again with the utmost vigour* its condemnation of all nuclear weapon tests;

2. *Reaffirms its conviction* that, whatever may be the differences on the question of verification, there is no valid reason for delaying the conclusion of a comprehensive test ban of the nature contemplated in the preamble to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water;

3. *Urges once more* the Governments of nuclear-weapon States to bring to a halt all nuclear weapon tests at the earliest possible date, and in any case not later than 5 August 1973, either through a

permanent agreement or through unilateral or agreed moratoria;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the nuclear-weapon States and to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session of any measures they have taken to implement it.

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### **2935 (XXVII). Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2830 (XXVI) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)**

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1911 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2286 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2456 B (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2666 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2830 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,

*Recalling in particular* that in four of those resolutions it addressed appeals to the nuclear-weapon States to sign and ratify Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) as soon as possible,

*Having taken note* of the fact that the Government of the People's Republic of China, on 14 November 1972, made the following solemn declaration:

"The Chinese Government has repeatedly declared that at no time and in no circumstances will China be the first to use nuclear weapons. As a specific undertaking regarding the nuclear-weapon-free zone in Latin America, I now declare solemnly on behalf of the Chinese Government: China will never use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear Latin American countries and the Latin American nuclear-weapon-free zone, nor will China test, manufacture, produce, stockpile, install or deploy nuclear weapons in these countries or in this zone, or send her means of transportation and delivery carrying nuclear weapons to traverse the territory, territorial sea and territorial air space of Latin American countries."<sup>31</sup>

1. *Reaffirms its conviction* that, for the maximum effectiveness of any treaty establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone, the co-operation of the nuclear-weapon States is necessary and that such co-operation should take the form of commitments likewise undertaken in a formal international instrument which is legally binding, such as a treaty, convention or protocol;

2. *Recalls with particular satisfaction* that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America became parties to Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) in 1969 and 1971, respectively;

3. *Welcomes also with satisfaction*, as a preliminary measure, the solemn declaration made by the Government of the People's Republic of China on 14

<sup>30</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 480, No. 6964, p. 43.

<sup>31</sup> Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China. See A/C.1/1028.



November 1972, by which it entered into obligations similar to those implicit in Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for States parties thereto, and invites the Government of China to try to find procedures that will enable it to accede to the Protocol as soon as possible;

4. *Deplores* that the other two nuclear-weapon States have not yet heeded the urgent appeals which the General Assembly has made in four different resolutions and urges them once again to sign and ratify without further delay Additional Protocol II of the Treaty;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2935 (XXVII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)";

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the nuclear-weapon States and to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session of any measure adopted by them in order to implement it.

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## 2992 (XXVII). Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971 entitled "Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace",

*Noting* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>32</sup> submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of that resolution, in which he was requested to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the progress made with regard to implementation of the Declaration,

*Noting further* that the consultations envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 of that resolution have not taken place,

*Convinced* that action in furtherance of the objectives of the Declaration would be a substantial contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security,

*Noting* that, in the Georgetown Declaration of 12 August 1972, the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries took note with satisfaction of the adoption by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace and agreed that further steps should be taken at the Assembly's twenty-seventh session towards implementation of the Declaration,

1. *Calls upon* the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean, the permanent members of the Security Council and other major maritime users of the Indian Ocean to support the concept that the Indian Ocean should be a zone of peace;

2. *Decides* to establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean, consisting of no more than fifteen members, to study the implications of the proposal, with special reference to the practical measures that

may be taken in furtherance of the objectives of General Assembly resolution 2832 (XXVI), having due regard to the security interests of the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean and the interests of any other State consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

3. *Decides further* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall consist of the following States: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia;<sup>33</sup>

4. *Urges* all the States concerned to extend their co-operation to the *Ad Hoc* Committee in the discharge of its functions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace".

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## 2993 (XXVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security",

*Bearing in mind* the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, contained in General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, and also recalling Assembly resolution 2880 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971 on the implementation of that Declaration,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the development of encouraging trends and the improvement of relations among States in the bilateral, regional and multilateral spheres contribute to the strengthening of international security,

*Expressing at the same time deep concern* at the persistence of armed conflicts and other situations in different areas of the world which require the urgent attention of the international community in order to strengthen international security,

*Recognizing* that a co-ordinated approach, in accordance with the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, to the closely connected problems of the strengthening of international security, disarmament and development, including the evolving concept of collective economic security, would be conducive to a more precise identification of areas where progress might be achieved,

*Reaffirming* that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is an essential element in the strengthening of international security,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>34</sup>

1. *Solemnly reaffirms* all the principles and provisions contained in the Declaration on the Strengthening

<sup>32</sup> A/8809.

<sup>33</sup> See A/8976.

<sup>34</sup> A/8775 and Add.1-4.



of International Security and also its urgent appeal to all States to implement consistently and without any delay the provisions of the Declaration in its entirety;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the present favourable trends in bilateral, regional and multilateral relations, including the creation of zones of peace and co-operation in various areas of the world, will continue and that efforts to that end will be pursued and intensified, thus furthering the strengthening of international security, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Urges* all States to take measures towards the elimination of armed conflicts which threaten international peace and security, of colonialism, racism and alien domination and other situations persisting in different areas of the world which prevent peoples from exercising their right to self-determination and independence, in keeping with the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and in accordance with the Charter;

4. *Reaffirms* that any measure or pressure directed against any State while exercising its sovereign right freely to dispose of its natural resources constitutes a flagrant violation of the principles of self-determination of peoples and non-intervention, as set forth in the Charter, which, if pursued, could constitute a threat to international peace and security;

5. *Believes* that the co-ordinated consideration of related issues, *inter alia*, disarmament, peace-keeping and strengthening of the role of the United Nations, would to a large extent enhance the political and diplomatic effectiveness of the United Nations, including the work of the General Assembly, thus facilitating action towards the strengthening of international security;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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**3029 (XXVII). Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea**

#### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2467 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2750 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 and 2881 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction on the work of its sessions in 1972,<sup>35</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the further progress made towards the preparations for a comprehensive international conference of plenipotentiaries on the law of the sea, including in particular acceptance of a list of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea,

*Reaffirming* that the problems of ocean space are closely interrelated and need to be considered as a whole,

*Recalling* its decision, in resolution 2750 C (XXV), to convene a conference on the law of the sea in 1973,

*Expressing the expectation* that the conference may be concluded in 1974 and, if necessary, as may be decided by the conference with the approval of the General Assembly, at a subsequent session or subsequent sessions no later than 1975,

1. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction set forth in General Assembly resolutions 2467 (XXIII) and 2750 (XXV), as supplemented by the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Committee, in the discharge of its mandate in accordance with resolution 2750 C (XXV), to hold two further sessions in 1973, one of five weeks in New York, beginning in early March, and the other of eight weeks at Geneva, beginning in early July, with a view to completing its preparatory work, and to submit a report with recommendations to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session and, in the light of the decision taken under paragraph 5 below, to the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in New York for a period of approximately two weeks in November and December 1973, for the purpose of dealing with organizational matters, including the election of officers, the adoption of the agenda and the rules of procedure of the Conference, the establishment of subsidiary organs and the allocation of work to these organs;

4. *Decides* to convene the second session of the Conference, for the purpose of dealing with substantive work, at Santiago, Chile, for a period of eight weeks in April and May 1974 and such subsequent sessions, if necessary, as may be decided by the Conference and approved by the General Assembly, bearing in mind that the Government of Austria has offered Vienna as a site for the Conference for the succeeding year;

5. *Further decides* to review at its twenty-eighth session the progress of the preparatory work of the Committee and, if necessary, to take measures to facilitate completion of the substantive work for the Conference and any other action it may deem appropriate;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the efficient organization and administration of the Conference and the Committee, utilizing to the fullest extent possible the resources of staff at his disposal, to render to the Conference and the Committee all the assistance they may require in legal, economic, technical and scientific matters and to provide them with all relevant documentation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

7. *Decides* to consider as a matter of priority at its twenty-eighth session any further matters requiring

<sup>35</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/8721 and Corr.1).

decision in connexion with the Conference, including the participation of States in the Conference, and to include in the provisional agenda of that session the item entitled "Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea";

8. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other intergovernmental organizations to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the preparations for the Conference and to send observers to the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, subject to approval by the Conference, to invite interested non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to send observers to the Conference;

10. *Decides* that the Conference and its main committees shall be provided with summary records of their proceedings.

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## B

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2749 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, containing the Declaration of Principles Governing the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor, and the Subsoil Thereof, beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction,

*Noting* that, in the said Declaration, the General Assembly declared, *inter alia*, that the exploration of the area of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (hereinafter referred to as the area) and the exploitation of its resources should be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, and that an international régime applying to the area and its resources and including appropriate international machinery should be established,

*Realizing* that the economic significance of the area would depend on its final delimitation, as stated in the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>36</sup>

*Considering* that there is a close relationship between any decision concerning the activities and functions of the international machinery and any decision concerning limits,

*Convinced* that information and data on the economic implications and significance for the area of the various proposals for limits would be helpful to the participants at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, particularly to developing States, many of which are not members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction,

<sup>36</sup> A/AC.138/36, A/AC.138/73.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of data and information at his disposal, a comparative study of the extent and the economic significance, in terms of resources, of the international area that would result from each of the various proposals on limits of national jurisdiction submitted so far to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit his study as soon as possible, but no later than the opening date of the session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction to be held in the summer of 1973;

3. *Invites* States, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the specialized agencies and other competent organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of such a study;

4. *Declares* that nothing in the present resolution or in the study shall prejudice the position of any State concerning limits, the nature of the régime and machinery or any other matter to be discussed at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

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## C

*The General Assembly,*

*Convinced* of the importance to coastal States, for purposes of economic development and social progress, of the ocean resources adjacent to their coasts,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the information at his disposal and in connexion with the study to be submitted pursuant to resolution B above, a comparative study of the potential economic significance for riparian States, in terms of resources, of each of the various proposals on limits of national jurisdiction presented so far to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit his study as soon as possible, but no later than the opening date of the session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, to be held in the summer of 1973, simultaneously with the study to be prepared under resolution B above;

3. *Declares* that nothing in the present resolution or in the study shall prejudice the position of any State concerning limits, the nature of the régime and machinery or any other matter to be discussed at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

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### 2905 (XXVII). Effects of atomic radiation

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions,

*Reaffirming* the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

*Concerned* about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

*Conscious* of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

*Recognizing* that, under its present terms of reference as laid down in General Assembly resolution 913 (X), the Scientific Committee can become an element of value in the future United Nations environment programme,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report submitted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels and effects of atomic radiation;

3. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. *Concurs* in the request of the Scientific Committee, contained in paragraph 4 of its report, that it be relieved of the obligation to report to the General Assembly before the twenty-ninth session and notes that the Committee is not planning to meet before the end of 1973, unless asked to undertake new tasks either in the context of the United Nations environ-

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/8725 and Corr.1).*

ment programme or in response to any other special demand;

5. *Requests*, accordingly, the Scientific Committee to meet before the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly and to report to the Assembly at that session, on the understanding that the Assembly will then decide, taking into account the recommendation of the Committee, on the convening of its subsequent session;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

7. *Notes and welcomes* the readiness of the Scientific Committee to play a role in the United Nations environment programme;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination of its findings to the public.

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17 October 1972

## 2923 (XXVII). Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa

### A

#### MALTREATMENT AND TORTURE OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2764 (XXVI) of 9 November 1971 concerning the maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid in South Africa and the persecution of religious leaders opposed to that policy,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on Apartheid entitled "Maltreatment and torture of prisoners in South Africa",<sup>2</sup> submitted in pursuance of that resolution,

*Expressing grave concern* over any and every act of maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid in South Africa, and over the deaths while in detention of a number of detainees,

1. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa immediately to put an end to all forms of physical and mental torture and other acts of terror against opponents of apartheid under detention or imprisonment and to punish the perpetrators of such criminal acts;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee on Apartheid to follow the situation and take appropriate steps to promote an international campaign for an end to repression, maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid under detention or imprisonment in South Africa;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To publicize the report of the Special Committee on Apartheid on maltreatment and torture of prisoners and detainees and all other available information concerning this matter;

(b) To transmit the report of the Special Committee to the Commission on Human Rights and to appropriate international non-governmental organizations.

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15 November 1972

<sup>2</sup> A/8770.

### B

#### UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,<sup>3</sup> to which is annexed the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,

*Recalling* that, in paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 311 (1972) of 4 February 1972, the Council urged Governments and individuals to contribute generously and regularly to the Trust Fund,

*Conscious* of the continuing and increasing needs for humanitarian assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, as well as in Namibia and Southern Rhodesia, and to their families,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees to promote contributions to the Trust Fund,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals that have contributed to the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

2. *Again appeals* to all States, organizations and individuals for generous annual contributions to the Trust Fund and for direct contributions to the voluntary agencies concerned, in order to enable them to provide relief and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa to continue their efforts to obtain increased contributions from governmental and non-governmental sources to the Trust Fund.

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### C

#### PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON Apartheid

*The General Assembly,*

*Commending* the work of the Special Committee on Apartheid in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2775 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Endorsing* the programme of work of the Special Committee on Apartheid contained in its report,<sup>4</sup>

*Requests and authorizes* the Special Committee on Apartheid, within the budgetary appropriation to be made for this purpose:

(a) To hold consultations with experts and representatives of the oppressed people of South Africa and African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, as well as anti-apartheid movements and other non-governmental organizations concerned with the campaign against apartheid, in order to consider ways and means of intensifying international action against apartheid;

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/8822.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8722), paras. 245-250.

(b) To send representatives or delegations, as appropriate, to national and international conferences dealing with the problem of *apartheid* and to the headquarters of specialized agencies and the Organization of African Unity;

(c) To take appropriate steps, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to ensure greater moral and material assistance to the national movement of the oppressed people of South Africa;

(d) To continue co-operation with other United Nations bodies concerned with *apartheid*, racial discrimination and colonialism in southern Africa;

(e) To submit a special report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation by States of United Nations resolutions on *apartheid*.

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## D

### DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON *apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2775 B and G (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>5</sup> on the implementation of resolutions 2775 D, F and G (XXVI),

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the Unit on *Apartheid* and the Office of Public Information in this respect,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>6</sup>

*Considering* that the dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of *apartheid* and on the international efforts for the eradication of *apartheid* should be intensified in co-operation with Governments, specialized agencies and appropriate regional and non-governmental organizations,

*Desirous* of increased co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in disseminating information on *apartheid*,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account paragraphs 220 to 228 of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to take steps to intensify the dissemination of information on *apartheid* and, in particular, to arrange for an increase in the circulation of publications and films and for additional translations into various languages;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for wider and more effective publicity by the Office of Public Information through all media, including films and broadcasts, on the evils of *apartheid* and the efforts of United Nations organs towards the eradication of *apartheid*;

3. *Requests* the specialized agencies concerned, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organisation, to co-operate closely with the Office of Public Information and the Unit on *Apartheid* in disseminating information on *apartheid*;

<sup>5</sup> A/8833.

<sup>6</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8722) and Supplement No. 22A (A/8722/Add.1).

4. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation and publication of an educational kit on racial discrimination and *apartheid* in southern Africa;

5. *Invites* Governments and organizations to encourage information media to contribute to the campaign against *apartheid* by the widest dissemination of information on the evils of *apartheid* and on the international efforts towards the eradication of *apartheid*;

6. *Requests* States and public organizations to take appropriate steps to promote the establishment in countries where they do not exist of non-governmental organizations actively concerned with the campaign against *apartheid*;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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## E

### SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA RESULTING FROM THE POLICIES OF *apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions on the question of *apartheid*, in particular resolution 2775 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Strongly convinced* that the United Nations has a vital interest in securing the speedy elimination of *apartheid*,

*Having considered* the reports of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*<sup>7</sup> and the relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>8</sup>

*Gravely concerned* about the explosive situation in South Africa and in southern Africa as a whole resulting from the inhuman and aggressive policies of *apartheid* pursued by the Government of South Africa, a situation which constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

*Noting* that the Security Council decided, in its resolution 311 (1972) of 4 February 1972 adopted in Addis Ababa, to examine, as a matter of urgency, methods of resolving the present situation arising out of the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa,

*Reaffirming* the inalienable right of the people of South Africa to self-determination and freedom,

*Alarmed* at the forcible removal of the African people from their rightful homes to the so-called Bantustans,

*Further reaffirming* that the practice of *apartheid* constitutes a crime against humanity,

1. *Condemns* the racist Government of South Africa for continuing and intensifying the implementation of its inhuman policy of *apartheid*, and subjecting the opponents of *apartheid* to ruthless repression, in violation of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, thereby creating a grave threat to the peace;

2. *Condemns* the establishment by the racist Government of South Africa of the so-called Bantustans and the forcible removal of the African people of South

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.: A/8770.

<sup>8</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703), chap. XIV, sects. B.3 and B.4.

Africa to those areas as a violation of their inalienable rights, contrary to their inherent right to self-determination and prejudicial to the territorial integrity of the country and the unity of its people;

3. *Demands* that the Government of South Africa repeal all repressive laws, regulations and proclamations used to persecute persons opposed to the policies of *apartheid* and immediately release all those imprisoned, detained or restricted for their opposition to *apartheid*;

4. *Further condemns* the South African régime for its progressive exportation of the policy of *apartheid* into neighbouring African Territories, especially Namibia which it continues to occupy illegally in defiance of the United Nations;

5. *Condemns* the continued and increasing co-operation of certain States and foreign economic interests with South Africa in the military, economic, political and other fields, as such co-operation encourages the South African régime in the pursuit of *apartheid* in defiance of the United Nations;

6. *Again calls upon* all Governments to implement fully the arms embargo against South Africa, without any exceptions or reservations;

7. *Reaffirms* its conviction that economic and other sanctions, instituted under Chapter VII of the Charter and universally applied, constitute one of the essential means of achieving a peaceful solution of the grave situation in South Africa;

8. *Requests* the Security Council to consider urgently the situation in South Africa with a view to adopting such effective measures under Chapter VII of the Charter;

9. *Firmly supports* the efforts of all those engaged in the struggle inside South Africa against *apartheid* and its evil consequences;

10. *Reaffirms* the legitimacy of the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa to eradicate *apartheid* and racial discrimination by all available means and to attain in the country as a whole majority rule based on universal suffrage;

11. *Appeals* to Governments, specialized agencies, national and international organizations and individuals to provide greater assistance, directly or through the Organization of African Unity, to the national movement of the oppressed people of South Africa;

12. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to discontinue all collaboration with the Government of South Africa until it renounces its policies of *apartheid* in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

13. *Requests* States members of international agencies and organizations, particularly the members of the European Economic Community, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the International Monetary Fund, to take the necessary steps to deny all assistance and commercial or other facilities to the Government of South Africa so long as it pursues its policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination and continues to defy the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

14. *Requests* all States to take appropriate steps, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2775 D (XXVI), to uphold the Olympic principle of non-discrimination in sports and to withhold any support

from sporting events organized in violation of this principle, particularly with the participation of racially selected teams from South Africa;

15. *Commends* the activities of anti-*apartheid* movements, trade unions, student organizations, churches and other groups which have promoted national and international action against *apartheid*;

16. *Invites* all organizations, institutions and information media to organize in 1973, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations, intensified and co-ordinated campaigns with the following goals:

(a) Discontinuance of all military, economic and political collaboration with South Africa;

(b) Cessation of all activities by foreign economic interests which encourage the South African régime in its imposition of *apartheid*;

(c) Condemnation of torture and ill-treatment of prisoners and detainees in South Africa;

(d) Discouragement of emigration to South Africa, especially of skilled workers;

(e) Boycott of South Africa in sports and in cultural and other activities;

(f) World-wide collection of contributions for assistance to the victims of *apartheid* and support to the movement of the oppressed people of South Africa for freedom;

17. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to arrange, in consultation with the Secretary-General, for the preparation and widest dissemination of expert studies to counteract the propaganda by foreign economic and financial interests against resolutions of the United Nations and in favour of economic collaboration with the South African régime and racist institutions in South Africa;

18. *Further requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to take steps to publicize all available information on collaboration by States and foreign economic and financial interests with the South African régime and South African companies;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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## F

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TRADE UNIONS AGAINST *Apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2671 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2775 H (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>9</sup>

*Gravely concerned* over the infringements of trade union rights in South Africa, especially the denial of those rights to African workers,

*Strongly convinced* of the need to promote concerted action by the trade union movement at the national and international levels against *apartheid*,

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 22 (A/8722), Supplement No. 22A (A/8722/Add.1) and Supplement No. 22B (A/8722/Add.2).

*Noting with appreciation* the readiness of the International Labour Organisation to provide conference services for the meetings of the proposed International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid* and the Preparatory Committee for the Conference,

1. *Again appeals* to all national and international trade union organizations to intensify their action against *apartheid*;

2. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the Workers' Group at the International Labour Conference to convene at Geneva, in 1973, an international conference of trade unions to work out a common programme of action against *apartheid*;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the constructive attitude of the main international trade union organizations in regard to the convening of the International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid*;

4. *Commends* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* for its efforts in helping to promote action by the workers of the world against *apartheid*;

5. *Requests and authorizes* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to participate effectively in the proposed International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid* and in the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide appropriate assistance to facilitate the holding of the Conference;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to reimburse the costs necessary to enable up to five representatives of trade union organizations from southern Africa to participate in the Conference, as shall be decided by the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, on the proposal of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to submit a special report to the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, on the results of the International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid* and on other related developments concerning workers' action against *apartheid*.

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## 2963 (XXVII). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2792 A (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and all previous resolutions referred to therein, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

*Taking note* of the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1972,<sup>10</sup>

*Taking note also* of the appeal made by the Secretary-General on 20 March 1972,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Notes with deep regret* that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III)

has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed by the Assembly in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the Commissioner-General and to the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for their continued faithful efforts to provide essential services for the Palestine refugees, and to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. *Notes with regret* that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine was unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation thereof and to report thereon as appropriate, but no later than 1 October 1973;

4. *Directs attention* to the continuing critical financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as outlined in the Commissioner-General's report;

5. *Notes with concern* that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions to help relieve the serious budget deficit of the past year, contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continue to fall short of the funds needed to cover essential budget requirements;

6. *Calls upon* all Governments as a matter of urgency to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit projected in the Commissioner-General's report, and therefore urges non-contributing Governments to contribute and contributing Governments to consider increasing their contributions.

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### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967, 2341 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2452 C (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2535 C (XXIV) of 10 December 1969, 2672 B (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2792 B (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

*Taking note* of the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1972,<sup>12</sup>

*Taking note also* of the appeal made by the Secretary-General on 20 March 1972,<sup>13</sup>

*Concerned* about the continued human suffering resulting from the June 1967 hostilities in the Middle East,

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (A/8713 and Corr.1 and 2).

<sup>11</sup> A/8672.

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/8713 and Corr.1 and 2).*

<sup>13</sup> A/8672.



1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 2252 (ES-V), 2341 B (XXII), 2452 C (XXIII), 2535 C (XXIV), 2672 B (XXV) and 2792 B (XXVI);

2. *Endorses*, bearing in mind the objectives of those resolutions, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue to provide humanitarian assistance, as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to other persons in the area who are at present displaced and in serious need of continued assistance as a result of the June 1967 hostilities;

3. *Strongly appeals* to all Governments and to organizations and individuals to contribute generously for the above purposes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and to the other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

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### C

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of 15 September 1972<sup>14</sup> regarding the effect on the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip of the continued Israeli policies and measures in the Strip,

*Noting* that both the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East have expressed great concern about the effect on Palestine refugees of these operations in which shelters in refugee camps were demolished and thousands of persons displaced, some of them to places outside the Gaza Strip,

*Noting with regret* the failure of Israel to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2792 C (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

*Deeply concerned* at the continued measures by Israel which prejudice the rights of the population and the demographic composition and the status of the Gaza Strip,

1. *Declares* that such measures involving the physical and demographic structure of the Gaza Strip, including the destruction of refugee shelters and the forcible transfer of population, contravene the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>15</sup> as well as paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2675 (XXV) of 9 December 1970, entitled "Basic principles for the protection of civilian populations in armed conflicts";

2. *Strongly deplores* these actions by Israel;

3. *Calls upon* Israel to desist forthwith from all measures that affect the physical structure and the demographic composition of the Gaza Strip;

4. *Calls upon* Israel to take immediate and effective steps for the return of the refugees concerned to the camps from which they were removed and to provide adequate shelters for their accommodation;

<sup>14</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/8814.*

<sup>15</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consulting with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to report as soon as possible and whenever appropriate thereafter, but in any case not later than the opening date of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, on Israel's compliance with and implementation of the present resolution.

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### D

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967, 2452 A (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2535 B (XXIV) of 10 December 1969, 2672 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2792 E (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, calling upon the Government of Israel to take effective and immediate steps for the return without delay of those inhabitants who had fled the areas since the outbreak of hostilities,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of 13 September 1972<sup>16</sup> concerning the implementation of resolution 2792 E (XXVI),

*Noting* that the Israeli occupation authorities have persisted in changing the physical, geographic and demographic structure of the occupied territories, by the displacement of inhabitants, the destruction of towns, villages and homes, and the establishment of settlements in violation of the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>17</sup> as well as the pertinent United Nations resolutions,

*Gravely concerned* about the plight of the displaced inhabitants,

*Convinced* that the plight of the displaced inhabitants could be relieved only by their speedy return to their homes and to the camps which they formerly occupied,

*Emphasizing* the necessity of full implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions,

1. *Affirms* the right of the displaced inhabitants to return to their homes and camps;

2. *Considers* that the plight of the displaced inhabitants continues since they have not yet returned to their homes and camps;

3. *Expresses its grave concern* over the failure of the Israeli authorities to take steps for the return of the displaced inhabitants in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions;

4. *Calls once more upon* Israel immediately to take steps for the return of the displaced inhabitants;

5. *Calls again upon* Israel to desist forthwith from all measures affecting the physical, geographic and demographic structure of the occupied territories;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report in detail thereon to the General Assembly.

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<sup>16</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/8786.*

<sup>17</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.



**E**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that the problem of the Palestinian Arab refugees has arisen from the denial of their inalienable rights under the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Recalling* its resolution 2535 B (XXIV) of 10 December 1969, in which it reaffirmed the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine, its resolutions 2672 C (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2792 D (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in which it recognized that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self-determination in accordance with the Charter, and its resolutions 2649 (XXV) of 30 November 1970 and 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in which it recognized that the people of Palestine are entitled to the right of self-determination,

*Bearing in mind* the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples enshrined in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter and more recently reaffirmed in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations<sup>18</sup> and in the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,<sup>19</sup>

1. *Affirms* that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Expresses once more its grave concern* that the people of Palestine have not been permitted to enjoy their inalienable rights and to exercise their right to self-determination;

3. *Recognizes* that full respect for and realization of the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine are indispensable for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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**F**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* that the present membership of the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, established pursuant to its resolutions 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949 and 720 B (VIII) of 27 November 1953, is composed of Belgium, Egypt, France, Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America,

*Noting further* that it is in the general interest that other contributing countries join the Advisory Commission,

*Decides* to include Japan in the membership of the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

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<sup>18</sup> See resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>19</sup> Resolution 2734 (XXV).

## 2964 (XXVII). Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 and 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,<sup>20</sup>

*Taking into account* the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1972,<sup>21</sup>

*Recognizing with grave concern* that the financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continues to be acute, thereby endangering the already minimum services being provided to Palestine refugees,

*Emphasizing* the continuing need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at their present level, the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. *Commends* the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its work;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Working Group;

3. *Endorses* the conclusion of the Working Group that further vigorous and constant fund-raising activities on behalf of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East are essential;

4. *Requests* the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a further period of one year;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

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## 2965 (XXVII). Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967, 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, 2451 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2670 (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2835 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971,

<sup>20</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/8849.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/8713 and Corr.1 and 2).

*Having received and examined* the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations of 13 November 1972,<sup>22</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the agreement arrived at by the Special Committee concerning the election of a new Chairman and two additional Vice-Chairmen and the enlargement of the Committee's Working Group,

*Noting with regret* that the mandate entrusted to the Special Committee has not yet been fulfilled,

*Conscious*, nevertheless, that the problems with which the Special Committee has been faced are of a fundamental nature and require close and thorough consideration to which any Member State may usefully contribute,

*Bearing in mind* that Member States are deeply concerned in the present international situation over the continued lack of agreement on concrete guidelines for carrying out United Nations peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, in particular paragraphs 10 and 11 thereof;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts and contributions of those Member States that have submitted views and suggestions to the Special Committee and requests Member States to continue to make available to the Committee any views and suggestions that they may wish to submit to help its work;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee, taking into account the progress made by its Working Group, to study the views and suggestions submitted by Member States in response to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2835 (XXVI) and referred to in paragraphs 2, 4 and 6 of the fifth report of the Working Group,<sup>23</sup> as well as those expressed during the debate in the Assembly at its twenty-seventh session, with a view to making renewed efforts;

4. *Recommends* that, in order to expedite progress and to enable the Special Committee to hold a more frequent exchange of views on the question, its Working Group should prepare and submit at intervals reports that would facilitate discussion and agreement on questions of substance;

5. *Urges* the Special Committee to accelerate and intensify its work so as to make substantive progress, in view of the importance of achieving, in pursuance of its mandate, agreed guidelines for carrying out peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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13 December 1972

### **3005 (XXVII). Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document A/8888.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/8888, annex.

*Invoking* the provisions and principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Bearing in mind* the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>24</sup>

*Recalling* Security Council resolutions 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967 and 259 (1968) of 27 September 1968, as well as other pertinent resolutions of the United Nations,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories,<sup>25</sup>

*Considering* that a system of investigation and protection is required for ensuring effective implementation of the international instruments, such as the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, which provide for respect for human rights in armed conflicts,

*Recalling* that, in accordance with article 1 of that Convention, the States parties have undertaken not only to respect, but also to ensure respect for, the Convention in all circumstances,

*Considering* that implementation of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 cannot and should not be left open in a situation involving foreign military occupation and the rights of the civilian population of these territories under the provisions of that Convention and in accordance with the principles of international law,

1. *Commends* the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it;

2. *Strongly calls upon* Israel to rescind forthwith, and desist from, all such policies and practices as:

(a) The annexation of any part of the occupied territories;

(b) The establishment of Israeli settlements in those territories and the transfer of parts of an alien population into the occupied territories;

(c) The destruction and demolition of villages, quarters and houses and the confiscation and expropriation of property;

(d) The evacuation, transfer, deportation and expulsion of the inhabitants of the occupied territories;

(e) The denial of the right of the displaced persons to return to their homes;

3. *Reaffirms* that all measures taken by Israel in contravention of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to settle the occupied territories, including occupied Jerusalem, are null and void;

4. *Affirms* the principle of the sovereignty of the population of the occupied territories over their national wealth and resources;

5. *Calls upon* all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize or co-operate with, or assist in any manner in, any measures undertaken by the occupying Power to exploit the resources of the occupied territories or to effect any changes in the demographic composition or geographic character or institutional structure of those territories;

<sup>24</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

<sup>25</sup> A/8888.

6. *Requests* all States parties to the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 to do their utmost to ensure that Israel respects and fulfils its obligations under that Convention;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee, pending the early termination of Israeli occupation of Arab territories, to continue its work and to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the welfare and human rights of the population of the occupied territories;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices affecting the human rights of the population of the occupied territories, especially:

(a) The measures concerning the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and the moving into the occupied territories of an alien population, contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949;

(b) The situation concerning the annexation of any part of the territories occupied by Israel since 5 June 1967;

(c) The exploitation and the looting of the resources of the occupied territories;

(d) The changes in the physical character or demographic composition or institutional structure of

those territories, including the transfer or deportation of population thereof or the demolition of houses and towns therein;

(e) The pillaging of the archaeological and cultural heritage of the occupied territories;

(f) The interference in the freedom of worship in the holy places of the occupied territories;

9. *Calls upon* Israel to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the Special Committee and to facilitate their tasks;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee by all means available through the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the task entrusted to him;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories".

*2112th plenary meeting  
15 December 1972*



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**2904 (XXVII). United Nations Conference on Trade and Development****A****AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1995 (XIX)***The General Assembly,*

Having considered resolution 80 (III), relating to a review of the institutional arrangements of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, adopted by the Conference on 20 May 1972,<sup>1</sup> and more particularly paragraphs 1 and 4 thereof containing the recommendations addressed by the Conference to the General Assembly,

Decides to amend its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, entitled "Establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly", as follows:

(a) In section II, paragraph 2, the first sentence is amended to read:

"The Conference shall normally be convened at intervals of not more than four years.";

(b) Paragraph 5 is amended to read:

"The Board shall consist of sixty-eight members elected by the Conference from among its membership. In electing the members of the Board, the Conference shall have full regard for both equitable geographical distribution and the desirability of continuing representation for the principal trading States, and shall accordingly observe the following distribution of seats:

"(a) Twenty-nine from the States listed in part A of the annex to the present resolution as revised in accordance with paragraph 6 below;

"(b) Twenty-one from the States listed in part B of the annex as revised;

"(c) Eleven from the States listed in part C of the annex as revised;

"(d) Seven from the States listed in part D of the annex as revised.";

(c) Paragraph 10 is amended to read:

"Any member of the Conference shall be entitled to participate in the deliberations of the Board on any item on its agenda of particular concern to that member with all the rights and privileges of a Board member except the right to vote.";

(d) In the second sentence of paragraph 13, the word "twice" is replaced by "once";

(e) In paragraph 25:

(i) Wherever the words "Chairman of the Board" are used, they are replaced by "President of the Board";

(ii) The title of (c) is amended to read "Initiation of conciliation by a presiding officer";

(iii) In the first sentence of (d), the words "the President or the Chairman" are amended to read "the President of the Conference or the President of the Board";

(iv) In the second sentence of (d), the words "Chairman of the organ concerned" are amended to read "presiding officer of the organ concerned".

2041st plenary meeting  
26 September 1972

**B****REVISION OF THE LISTS OF STATES ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD***The General Assembly,*

Recalling that at its 1741st plenary meeting, on 13 December 1968, it took note of the decision of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session<sup>2</sup> to revise the lists annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964,

Takes note that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session decided to include the following States in list A of the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX): Bahrain,

<sup>1</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex 1.A.

<sup>2</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and 3 and Add.1 and 2, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 57.

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Oman, Qatar, Swaziland and United Arab Emirates.

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*As a result of the decision set forth in resolution B above, the lists of States eligible for membership in the Trade and Development Board will be as follows:*

A. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (a) OF  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1995 (XIX)

Afghanistan	Malaysia
Algeria	Maldives
Bahrain	Mali
Bangladesh	Mauritania
Bhutan	Mauritius
Botswana	Mongolia
Burma	Morocco
Burundi	Nepal
Cameroon	Niger
Central African Republic	Nigeria
Chad	Oman
China	Pakistan
Congo	Philippines
Dahomey	Qatar
Democratic Yemen	Republic of Korea
Egypt	Republic of Viet-Nam
Equatorial Guinea	Rwanda
Ethiopia	Saudi Arabia
Fiji	Senegal
Gabon	Sierra Leone
Gambia	Singapore
Ghana	Somalia
Guinea	South Africa
India	Sri Lanka
Indonesia	Sudan
Iran	Swaziland
Iraq	Syrian Arab Republic
Israel	Thailand
Ivory Coast	Togo
Jordan	Tunisia
Kenya	Uganda
Khmer Republic	United Arab Emirates
Kuwait	United Republic of Tanzania
Laos	Upper Volta
Lebanon	Western Samoa
Lesotho	Yemen
Liberia	Yugoslavia
Libyan Arab Republic	Zaire
Madagascar	Zambia
Malawi	

B. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (b)

Australia	Luxembourg
Austria	Malta
Belgium	Monaco
Canada	Netherlands
Cyprus	New Zealand
Denmark	Norway
Finland	Portugal
France	San Marino
Germany, Federal Republic of	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Holy See	Switzerland
Iceland	Turkey
Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	
Japan	United States of America
Liechtenstein	

C. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (c)

Argentina	Chile
Barbados	Colombia
Bolivia	Costa Rica
Brazil	Cuba

Dominican Republic	Mexico
Ecuador	Nicaragua
El Salvador	Panama
Guatemala	Paraguay
Guyana	Peru
Haiti	Trinidad and Tobago
Honduras	Uruguay
Jamaica	Venezuela

D. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (d)

Albania	Poland
Bulgaria	Romania
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Czechoslovakia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Hungary	

2950 (XXVII). United Nations Institute for Training and Research

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its past resolutions relating to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly resolution 2767 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, and the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the same subject,*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;<sup>3</sup>

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the increasing effectiveness of the Institute in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Institute will have greater and wider financial support.

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2951 (XXVII). Establishment of the United Nations University

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 2822 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,*

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1731 (LIII) of 15 September 1972,

*Taking note also* of resolution 1.322 of 17 November 1972, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its seventeenth session,<sup>4</sup>

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>5</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and other interested organizations in the United Nations system have fully co-operated with the United Nations in preparing reports and studies on the subject of the establishment of an international university,

*Conscious* of the particular responsibilities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the development and implementation of this project,

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/8714 and Corr.1).*

<sup>4</sup> *See A/8898.*

<sup>5</sup> A/8510 and Add.1/Rev.1; E/5155 and Add.1.

1. *Decides* to establish an international university under the auspices of the United Nations to be known as the United Nations University;

2. *Decides* that the United Nations University should be guided, *inter alia*, by the following objectives and principles:

(a) The concept of the University should be that of a system of academic institutions and not of an intergovernmental organization;

(b) Close co-ordination should be maintained between the activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and other organizations in the United Nations system and those of the University;

(c) Binding guarantees, under law, of academic freedom and autonomy should be written into the charter of the University;

(d) Selection procedures should be established so as to ensure the highest intellectual and moral quality of the personnel of the University;

(e) The structure of the University should consist of a programming and co-ordinating central organ and a decentralized system of affiliated institutions, integrated into the world university community, devoted to action-oriented research into the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are the concern of the United Nations and its agencies, and to the post-graduate training of young scholars and research workers for the benefit of the world community;

(f) The research programmes of the institutions of the University should include, among other matters, coexistence between peoples of differing cultures, tongues and social systems, peaceful relations between States and the maintenance of peace and security, human rights, economic and social change and development, the environment and the proper use of resources, basic scientific research and the application of the results of science and technology in the interests of development;

(g) Capital costs and recurrent costs should be met from voluntary contributions for the University made:

(i) Directly by Governments or through the United Nations, the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(ii) By non-governmental sources including foundations, universities and individuals;

The University should also be authorized to receive assistance for its projects, particularly fellowships, from the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other intergovernmental organizations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to establish a Founding Committee of the United Nations University<sup>6</sup> to define further the objectives and

<sup>6</sup> The Founding Committee of the United Nations University will be composed of the following persons: Mr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, Mr. Roberto T. Alemann, Mr. Sune Bergström, Mr. Borislav Božović, Mr. Andrew W. Cordier, Mr. Roger Gaudry, Mr. Felipe Herrera, Mr. Abdul Razzak Kaddoura, Mr. Yusuf K. Lule, Mr. Robert Mallet, Mr. Victor A. Oyenu, Mr. Gopalaswami Parthasarathi, Mr. Hugh N. Robson, Mr. Victor Sahini, Mr. Abdus Salam, Mr. Seydou Madani Sy, Mr. Senjin Tsuruoka, Mr. Puey Ungphakorn, Mr. Victor L. Urquidí and Mr. Stephan Verosta.

principles of the University and to draft its charter, consisting of not more than twenty experts chosen with due regard to geographical distribution and major academic, educational and cultural trends in the world, taking into account their fields of study as well as the need to include outstanding young scholars, half of whom are to be designated by the Secretary-General and the other half by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in consultation with the specialized agencies and programmes concerned, including the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to commence efforts for raising the necessary funds in order to permit the launching of the United Nations University at the earliest possible date and to make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the location of the programming and co-ordination centre and of the other institutions, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and taking into account the views expressed thereon by the Founding Committee of the United Nations University and the offers of facilities and other types of contributions;

5. *Invites* the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session such comments and observations on the draft charter as it may consider appropriate;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, the draft charter of the United Nations University as well as a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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## 2952 (XXVII). Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 on the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2823 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971 on the report of the Special International Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Having considered* the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its sixth session,<sup>7</sup> and in particular the recommendations contained in its resolution 33 (VI) of 2 June 1972 on the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,<sup>8</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the importance of the goals and policy measures related to industrial development that are included in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/8716).*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>9</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).



and the need to review the progress achieved during the Decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its sixth session;

2. *Decides* to convene a Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in Vienna, at the highest possible level of governmental representation, for a period of two weeks in the early months of 1975, in accordance with the provisions outlined by the Industrial Development Board in its resolution 33 (VI);

3. *Requests* the Industrial Development Board and its Permanent Committee to carry out the functions of an intergovernmental preparatory committee for the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and to discharge these functions as appropriate during their sessions scheduled before the convening of the Conference;

4. *Directs* the Industrial Development Board and its Permanent Committee to undertake, in connexion with the functions entrusted to them in paragraph 3 above, the following tasks:

(a) Preparation of the provisional agenda for the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and its submission to the General Assembly for approval;

(b) Review and approval of the preparatory arrangements for the holding of the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, including the preparation of adequate documentation which should cover in a concise and comprehensive way the major subjects to be discussed at the Conference;

(c) Discussion and formulation of draft proposals and recommendations for consideration by the Conference in connexion with the various items on its agenda;

5. *Requests* the Industrial Development Board and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress of the preparatory work for the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

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## 2953 (XXVII). Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2823 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, in which it decided to set up an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Having considered* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,<sup>10</sup>

*Taking note* of Industrial Development Board resolution 35 (VI) of 2 June 1972<sup>11</sup> and of the decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fourteenth session,<sup>12</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the central role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with respect to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of industrial development,

*Aware* of the importance of industrialization for the successful achievement of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>13</sup>

1. *Approves with appreciation* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and, in particular, the stress laid therein on the need for devising special forms of assistance to industry and new techniques suitable to the more complex nature of this field;

2. *Endorses* the decisions taken, on the basis of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, by the Industrial Development Board at its sixth session, as expressed in its resolution 34 (VI) of 2 June 1972,<sup>14</sup> and by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fourteenth session;

3. *Reaffirms* the central role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations system in the field of industrial development and welcomes the readiness of the United Nations Development Programme to assist the United Nations Industrial Development Organization fully in implementing its co-ordinating role by consulting it on projects in the field of industry;

4. *Reaffirms further* the importance of the programme of Special Industrial Services and the need to maintain its separate identity as a programme specifically devoted to serving most effectively short-term, urgent and unforeseen requirements in the field of industry;

5. *Approves* the guidelines for the operation of the programme of Special Industrial Services proposed by the Industrial Development Board in its resolution 35 (VI) and endorsed by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fourteenth session, as follows:

(a) The programme of Special Industrial Services is established to meet special needs in the field of industry, as described in the report of the Secretary-General of 23 October 1965,<sup>15</sup> especially paragraph 10; the provisions contained in that report will be interpreted flexibly from time to time by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in order to take account of the changing needs of the industrial sector in the developing countries;

(b) In the operations of the programme of Special Industrial Services, full consideration will be given to

<sup>11</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/8716)*, annex II.

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185/Rev.1)*, para. 199.

<sup>13</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>14</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/8716)*, annex II.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 40, document A/6070/Rev.1.

the central responsibilities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for co-ordinating action in the field of industry, as entrusted to it by the General Assembly;

(c) Requests for Special Industrial Services project approvals will be forwarded simultaneously by the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme to the headquarters of the Programme and to the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

(d) Most projects, including plans for their implementation and level of financing, will be approved jointly by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization; in the remaining small number of cases, especially when another agency is proposed as an executing agency, the system of joint approval of the Special Industrial Services projects will be followed with appropriate flexibility by agreement between the Administrator and the Executive Director;

(e) The executing agency will be authorized to commence project operations upon the issuance of financial authorization by the Administrator;

(f) The programme of Special Industrial Services will be financed on a continuing basis from the resources of the United Nations Development Programme; the level of maximum annual expenditures will be fixed from time to time by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, taking into account current programme requirements as well as desirable growth in the light of demonstrated needs;

(g) The Administrator and the Executive Director will report regularly to their respective governing bodies on the activities carried out under the programme;

(h) The Administrator and the Executive Director will jointly establish detailed working arrangements and procedures designed to give effect to the principles herein established;

6. *Welcomes* the system of consultation machinery and periodic meetings between the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization referred to in paragraphs 20 to 24 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;<sup>16</sup>

7. *Invites* the Industrial Development Board and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary measures, on the basis of the progress reports and consultations by the Administrator and the Executive Director, as provided in paragraph 22 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to ensure the most harmonious and effective co-operation in their common objectives of assisting the developing countries in their industrialization;

8. *Stresses* the need to strengthen the links of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with the developing countries through the programme of industrial field advisers, whose increasing importance for the development of operational programmes has been fully recognized, particularly in connexion with

the formulation and implementation of the long-term country programmes and the development of special measures of assistance to the least developed among the developing countries, as envisaged in Industrial Development Board resolution 31 (VI) of 2 June 1972;<sup>17</sup>

9. *Urges* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to provide at its next session additional financing necessary to increase the number of industrial field advisers of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization serving the developing countries, in order to achieve in 1973 the level envisaged by the Governing Council at its thirteenth session.<sup>18</sup>

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## **2969 (XXVII). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirteenth<sup>19</sup> and fourteenth<sup>20</sup> sessions.

*2109th plenary meeting  
14 December 1972*

## **2970 (XXVII). United Nations Volunteers programme**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, by which it established the United Nations Volunteers programme within the United Nations system, and its resolution 2810 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

*Expressing its satisfaction* with the efforts directed towards the implementation of its resolution 2659 (XXV),

*Taking note* of the decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session,<sup>21</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the statement of the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme,<sup>22</sup>

*Convinced* that the United Nations Volunteers programme has the potential to render valuable service to the development needs of the developing countries, and particularly of the least developed among them,

*Reaffirming* that the involvement of youth in the collective efforts of the United Nations system will enhance international understanding and co-operation between nations,

<sup>17</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/8716)*, annex II.

<sup>18</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5092)*.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185/Rev.1).

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 1 (E/5209), Other decisions, p. 12.

<sup>22</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 1478th meeting, paras. 68-78.*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers programme<sup>23</sup> and expresses satisfaction with the progress of the programme;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the measures being taken by him in providing volunteers through United Nations-assisted projects to the least developed countries free and without charge against their indicative planning figures;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Governing Council of the Programme to continue to provide the United Nations Volunteers programme with every possible assistance to ensure its progressive integration into United Nations-assisted projects in order to make the programme fully operational;

4. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations concerned, as well as the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, to promote with the agreement of the countries concerned the use of United Nations volunteers in United Nations-assisted projects and to co-ordinate all voluntary activities within United Nations-assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme;

5. *Requests* Governments, international organizations and individuals to contribute in every way possible to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

6. *Requests* the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme to make renewed efforts for recruitment of a larger proportion of volunteers from developing countries;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the present resolution.

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## **2971 (XXVII). Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* resolution 63 (III) of 19 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>24</sup> concerning special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the position of the land-locked developing countries, in particular owing to the high costs of transportation, the poor development of their infrastructure, inadequate and inconvenient transport, storage and port facilities in most transit countries and the unfavourable trend of transport tariffs and charges,

is a factor seriously inhibiting the expansion of their trade and economic development,

*Recognizing* the need for the international community and the international organizations concerned to take co-ordinated action in order to secure more rational treatment for the land-locked developing countries,

*Recognizing* that investments in the field of transport often affect investment decisions in other fields,

*Conscious* of the urgent need for national and international financial institutions to accord appropriate attention to the special needs of the land-locked developing countries by extending adequate financial and technical assistance to projects designed for the development or improvement and maintenance of the transport and communications infrastructure needed by these countries,

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>25</sup> recommending financial and/or technical assistance for these countries, particularly with respect to infrastructure of all kinds,

1. *Invites* the developed countries, the United Nations Development Programme and other competent international organizations to provide technical and/or financial assistance to the land-locked developing countries for feasibility studies and investment to assist them, at their request, in their economic development, so as to adapt it to their particular geographical situation, and requests the Secretary-General to report periodically to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Further invites* the United Nations Development Programme, in close collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to undertake operational activities in the field of industrial surveys to help these countries, at their request, on a national, subregional or regional basis to evaluate structure, operation, development possibilities and their future needs in the field of industrial development, with particular attention to the specific industries outlined in paragraph 3 of resolution 63 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to study the desirability and feasibility, including possible ways and means, of establishing a special fund for defraying the additional transport costs of land-locked developing countries and to report its findings to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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## **2972 (XXVII). Review of criteria for calculating indicative planning figures**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fourteenth session,<sup>26</sup>

*Noting* the report of the Governing Council's Working Group on Review of Criteria to be Followed in

<sup>23</sup> E/5146.

<sup>24</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>25</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>26</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185/Rev.1).*

Calculating Indicative Planning Figures and the amendments thereto,<sup>27</sup>

*Noting also* the discussions in the Governing Council during its fourteenth session on the review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures,

*Recognizing* the difficulty of devising a new general scheme designed to secure equity in the allocation of United Nations Development Programme resources to all recipient countries, as a result of which there is need for further study of the matter,

*Convinced* that it is imperative to devise a most fair and equitable new general scheme, envisaged to have a reasonable degree of stability and a long-term applicability, considering particularly the anticipated increase in United Nations Development Programme resources, and that would be without prejudice to the relevant special measures in favour of the least developed countries contained in the various resolutions and decisions of organizations in the United Nations system,

*Noting further* the general view expressed by the Governing Council at its fourteenth session that during the first development cycle, that is, 1972-1976, there will be no decrease in the level of the indicative planning figures of recipient countries as presently allocated,<sup>28</sup>

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to undertake a special technical study and review in depth of the criteria for calculating indicative planning figures, taking into account the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Governing Council of the Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the report of the Governing Council on its fourteenth session concerning the review of those criteria, and the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit his study, as envisaged in paragraph 1 above, to the Governing Council at its sixteenth session for detailed consideration with a view to finalizing the new criteria for calculating indicative planning figures at the seventeenth session of the Council.

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## **2973 (XXVII). Financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

*Reiterating* that, unless the resources available for programme purposes are substantially enlarged and doubled by 1975, it will not be possible to ensure the most effective operation of the country programming system, nor to utilize fully the programme delivery capacity of the system,

*Recalling* that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1615 (LI) of 26 July 1971, requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development

Programme to review its planning estimates in order to attain the goal of doubling the resources of the Programme by 1975 and urged Governments to increase their contributions to the Programme for this purpose,

*Invites* Governments, in particular those donor Governments whose contributions have lagged behind in recent years, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Development Programme by at least 15 per cent annually in order to promote the objective of doubling the total resources available to the Programme by 1975.

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## **2974 (XXVII). Co-operation among developing countries in the United Nations technical co-operation programmes and increased efficiency of the capacity of the United Nations development system**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the dynamic nature of the development process in the developing countries,

*Conscious* of the need to ensure maximum consistency and coherence in the activities of the United Nations Development Programme,

*Noting* the measures adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to implement the consensus<sup>29</sup> which resulted from the study of the capacity of the United Nations development system and the provisions of which also appear in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

*Prompted* by the desire to strengthen those efforts by an in-depth study of the different options facing the international community in the field of development assistance and to evaluate them with a view to selecting those which will ensure the maximum effectiveness of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in pursuit of its objectives,

*Concerned* about the need to implement its resolution 2811 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on financial contributions to the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the need for further resources in order to increase the likelihood that the Programme's assistance to developing countries, especially to the relatively less developed among them, will be successful,

*Concerned also* at the impact of the growing administrative costs of the United Nations Development Programme on existing resources, and the adverse effect of this on the net amounts channelled into assistance,

*Reaffirming* that the effectiveness of the development process of developing countries depends primarily on the developing countries themselves and that the contribution of the international community to this development is essential,

*Convinced* of the need to make the fullest use of the capacity and experience of all Member States, independent of their degree of development, in united action designed to accelerate the development of the

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 96 and 97.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. D.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1), para. 94.

developing countries, and especially the relatively less developed among them,

*Convinced also* of the importance of ensuring the optimum impact of the multiplier effect of assistance provided to the developing countries, and in particular the assistance provided by the United Nations Development Programme,

*Recalling* paragraph 4 of its resolution 2814 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

1. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to convene, through the Administrator of the Programme and in consultation with the interested Member States, a working group in order to:

(a) Examine and make recommendations on the best way for developing countries to share their capacities and experience with one another with a view to increasing and improving development assistance;

(b) Examine the relative possibilities and advantages of regional and interregional technical co-operation among developing countries;

2. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme also to give priority to the improvement of procedures for the elaboration and implementation of interregional, regional and sub-regional programmes of the United Nations Development Programme in accordance with paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV);

3. *Also invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider at an early session measures that are needed to reduce the administrative costs of the Programme;

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report and recommendations on the matters indicated in paragraph 1 above.

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## **2975 (XXVII). Measures to strengthen the executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the important role of the United Nations development system for attaining the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>30</sup> and the responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as of the participating and executing agencies, effectively to assist Member States in their efforts to achieve economic development and social justice as well as qualitative and structural changes in society,

*Recalling* the consensus adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its tenth session, in June 1970,<sup>31</sup> designed to increase

the capacity of the United Nations development system to respond effectively and rapidly to the needs of developing countries in accordance with their own development objectives and priorities,

*Further recalling* the decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 22 July 1970 to recommend to all executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme that they take the necessary administrative and organizational steps for the common endeavour of implementing the consensus and improving the delivery capacity of the United Nations development system,<sup>32</sup>

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

*Aware* of the fact that operational activities financed by the United Nations Development Programme represent a very large and growing share of the total activities of the agencies,

1. *Emphasizes* the need for effective and timely preparation as well as implementation of the country programmes and other activities financed by the United Nations Development Programme;

2. *Stresses* that administrative overhead costs involved in the execution of projects of the United Nations Development Programme should be minimized in order to secure increased resources for direct assistance to recipient countries;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take all necessary measures at the headquarters and in the field offices of the Programme to ensure the timely approval and execution of projects;

4. *Invites* the governing bodies of the participating and executing agencies to strengthen the executing capacity of their respective agencies in accordance with the above-mentioned, as well as other relevant, resolutions and decisions of the United Nations;

5. *Further invites* the governing bodies of the participating and executing agencies, on the basis of problem-oriented documentation prepared by the secretariats concerned, to discuss periodically and keep under review the problems encountered by their respective organizations in the planning and implementation of the country programmes, taking into account the desirability of achieving a high rate of project implementation and the need to promote high quality programmes and projects;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to gather all relevant information on difficulties encountered and measures taken by the agencies to strengthen their operational structure and their delivery capacity and to submit periodic reports thereon, together with his comments, to the Governing Council of the Programme.

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## **2976 (XXVII). United Nations Capital Development Fund**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966, 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967, 2419

<sup>30</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>31</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1)*, para. 94. See also General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 1 (E/4904 and Corr.1), Other decisions, p. 17.

(XXIII) of 17 December 1968, 2525 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969, 2690 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 2812 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

*Decides* to preserve the original functions of the United Nations Capital Development Fund until 31 December 1973, in accordance with the measures set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII).

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14 December 1972*

## 2994 (XXVII). United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the responsibility of the international community to take action to preserve and enhance the environment and, in particular, the need for continuous international co-operation to this end,

*Recalling* its resolutions 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968, 2581 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, 2657 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2849 (XXVI) and 2850 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>33</sup> held at Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, and the report of the Secretary-General thereon,<sup>34</sup>

*Expressing its satisfaction* that the Conference and the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment succeeded in focusing the attention of Governments and public opinion on the need for prompt action in the field of the environment,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme<sup>35</sup> to the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment<sup>36</sup> and refers the Action Plan for the Human Environment<sup>37</sup> to the Governing Council for appropriate action;

3. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the recommendations for action at the national level referred to them by the Conference for their consideration and such action as they might deem appropriate;

4. *Designates* 5 June as World Environment Day and urges Governments and the organizations in the United Nations system to undertake on that day every year world-wide activities reaffirming their concern for the preservation and enhancement of the environment, with a view to deepening environmental awareness and to pursuing the determination expressed at the Conference;

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of resolution 4 (I) of 15 June 1972<sup>38</sup> adopted by the Conference on the convening of a second United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and refers this matter to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme with the request that the Council study

<sup>33</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1.

<sup>34</sup> A/8783 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2.

<sup>35</sup> See resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I.

<sup>36</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. I.

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

this matter, taking into account the status of implementation of the Action Plan and future developments in the field of the environment, and report its views and recommendations to the General Assembly so that the Assembly can take a decision on all aspects of the matter not later than at its twenty-ninth session.

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15 December 1972*

## 2995 (XXVII). Co-operation between States in the field of the environment

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* principle 20 as contained in the draft text of a preamble and principles of the declaration on the human environment,<sup>39</sup> referred to it for consideration by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

*Recalling* its resolution 2849 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 entitled "Development and environment",

*Bearing in mind* that, in exercising their sovereignty over their natural resources, States must seek, through effective bilateral and multilateral co-operation or through regional machinery, to preserve and improve the environment,

1. *Emphasizes that*, in the exploration, exploitation and development of their natural resources, States must not produce significant harmful effects in zones situated outside their national jurisdiction;

2. *Recognizes* that co-operation between States in the field of the environment, including co-operation towards the implementation of principles 21 and 22 of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>40</sup> will be effectively achieved if official and public knowledge is provided of the technical data relating to the work to be carried out by States within their national jurisdiction, with a view to avoiding significant harm that may occur in the environment of the adjacent area;

3. *Further recognizes* that the technical data referred to in paragraph 2 above will be given and received in the best spirit of co-operation and good-neighbourliness, without this being construed as enabling each State to delay or impede the programmes and projects of exploration, exploitation and development of the natural resources of the States in whose territories such programmes and projects are carried out.

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## 2996 (XXVII). International responsibility of States in regard to the environment

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* principles 21 and 22 of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment<sup>41</sup> concerning the international responsibility of States in regard to the environment,

*Bearing in mind* that those principles lay down the basic rules governing this matter,

<sup>39</sup> See A/CONF.48/14, annex. See also A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. X, sect. D.

<sup>40</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. I.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*

*Declares* that no resolution adopted at the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly can affect principles 21 and 22 of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.

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## **2997 (XXVII). Institutional and financial arrangements for international environmental co-operation**

*The General Assembly,*

*Convinced* of the need for prompt and effective implementation by Governments and the international community of measures designed to safeguard and enhance the environment for the benefit of present and future generations of man,

*Recognizing* that responsibility for action to protect and enhance the environment rests primarily with Governments and, in the first instance, can be exercised more effectively at the national and regional levels,

*Recognizing further* that environmental problems of broad international significance fall within the competence of the United Nations system,

*Bearing in mind* that international co-operative programmes in the field of the environment must be undertaken with due respect for the sovereign rights of States and in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and principles of international law,

*Mindful* of the sectoral responsibilities of the organizations in the United Nations system,

*Conscious* of the significance of regional and sub-regional co-operation in the field of the environment and of the important role of the regional economic commissions and other regional intergovernmental organizations,

*Emphasizing* that problems of the environment constitute a new and important area for international co-operation and that the complexity and interdependence of such problems require new approaches,

*Recognizing* that the relevant international scientific and other professional communities can make an important contribution to international co-operation in the field of the environment,

*Conscious* of the need for processes within the United Nations system which would effectively assist developing countries to implement environmental policies and programmes that are compatible with their development plans and to participate meaningfully in international environmental programmes,

*Convinced that*, in order to be effective, international co-operation in the field of the environment requires additional financial and technical resources,

*Aware* of the urgent need for a permanent institutional arrangement within the United Nations system for the protection and improvement of the environment,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>42</sup>

## **I**

### **GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME**

1. *Decides* to establish a Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, composed of fifty-eight members elected by the General Assembly for three-year terms on the following basis:

- (a) Sixteen seats for African States;
- (b) Thirteen seats for Asian States;
- (c) Six seats for Eastern European States;
- (d) Ten seats for Latin American States;
- (e) Thirteen seats for Western European and other States;

2. *Decides* that the Governing Council shall have the following main functions and responsibilities:

(a) To promote international co-operation in the field of the environment and to recommend, as appropriate, policies to this end;

(b) To provide general policy guidance for the direction and co-ordination of environmental programmes within the United Nations system;

(c) To receive and review the periodic reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, referred to in section II, paragraph 2, below, on the implementation of environmental programmes within the United Nations system;

(d) To keep under review the world environmental situation in order to ensure that emerging environmental problems of wide international significance receive appropriate and adequate consideration by Governments;

(e) To promote the contribution of the relevant international scientific and other professional communities to the acquisition, assessment and exchange of environmental knowledge and information and, as appropriate, to the technical aspects of the formulation and implementation of environmental programmes within the United Nations system;

(f) To maintain under continuing review the impact of national and international environmental policies and measures on developing countries, as well as the problem of additional costs that may be incurred by developing countries in the implementation of environmental programmes and projects, and to ensure that such programmes and projects shall be compatible with the development plans and priorities of those countries;

(g) To review and approve annually the programme of utilization of resources of the Environment Fund referred to in section III below;

3. *Decides* that the Governing Council shall report annually to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, which will transmit to the Assembly such comments on the report as it may deem necessary, particularly with regard to questions of co-ordination and to the relationship of environmental policies and programmes within the United Nations system to overall economic and social policies and priorities;

## **II**

### **ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT**

1. *Decides* that a small secretariat shall be established in the United Nations to serve as a focal point for environmental action and co-ordination within the

<sup>42</sup> A/8783 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2.



United Nations system in such a way as to ensure a high degree of effective management;

2. *Decides* that the environment secretariat shall be headed by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, who shall be elected by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Secretary-General for a term of four years and who shall be entrusted, *inter alia*, with the following responsibilities:

(a) To provide substantive support to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) To co-ordinate, under the guidance of the Governing Council, environmental programmes within the United Nations system, to keep their implementation under review and to assess their effectiveness;

(c) To advise, as appropriate and under the guidance of the Governing Council, intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system on the formulation and implementation of environmental programmes;

(d) To secure the effective co-operation of, and contribution from, the relevant scientific and other professional communities in all parts of the world;

(e) To provide, at the request of all parties concerned, advisory services for the promotion of international co-operation in the field of the environment;

(f) To submit to the Governing Council, on his own initiative or upon request, proposals embodying medium-range and long-range planning for United Nations programmes in the field of the environment;

(g) To bring to the attention of the Governing Council any matter which he deems to require consideration by it;

(h) To administer, under the authority and policy guidance of the Governing Council, the Environment Fund referred to in section III below;

(i) To report on environmental matters to the Governing Council;

(j) To perform such other functions as may be entrusted to him by the Governing Council;

3. *Decides* that the costs of servicing the Governing Council and providing the small secretariat referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations and that operational programme costs, programme support and administrative costs of the Environment Fund established under section III below shall be borne by the Fund;

### III

#### ENVIRONMENT FUND

1. *Decides* that, in order to provide for additional financing for environmental programmes, a voluntary fund shall be established, with effect from 1 January 1973, in accordance with existing United Nations financial procedures;

2. *Decides* that, in order to enable the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to fulfil its policy-guidance role for the direction and co-ordination of environmental activities, the Environment Fund shall finance wholly or partly the costs of the new environmental initiatives undertaken within the United Nations system—which will include the initiatives envisaged in the Action Plan

for the Human Environment<sup>43</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, with particular attention to integrated projects, and such other environmental activities as may be decided upon by the Governing Council—and that the Governing Council shall review these initiatives with a view to taking appropriate decisions as to their continued financing;

3. *Decides* that the Environment Fund shall be used for financing such programmes of general interest as regional and global monitoring, assessment and data-collecting systems, including, as appropriate, costs for national counterparts; the improvement of environmental quality management; environmental research; information exchange and dissemination; public education and training; assistance for national, regional and global environmental institutions; the promotion of environmental research and studies for the development of industrial and other technologies best suited to a policy of economic growth compatible with adequate environmental safeguards; and such other programmes as the Governing Council may decide upon, and that in the implementation of such programmes due account should be taken of the special needs of the developing countries;

4. *Decides* that, in order to ensure that the development priorities of developing countries shall not be adversely affected, adequate measures shall be taken to provide additional financial resources on terms compatible with the economic situation of the recipient developing country, and that, to this end, the Executive Director, in co-operation with competent organizations, shall keep this problem under continuing review;

5. *Decides* that the Environment Fund, in pursuance of the objectives stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, shall be directed to the need for effective co-ordination in the implementation of international environmental programmes of the organizations in the United Nations system and other international organizations;

6. *Decides* that, in the implementation of programmes to be financed by the Environment Fund, organizations outside the United Nations system, particularly those in the countries and regions concerned, shall also be utilized as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures established by the Governing Council, and that such organizations are invited to support the United Nations environmental programmes by complementary initiatives and contributions;

7. *Decides* that the Governing Council shall formulate such general procedures as are necessary to govern the operations of the Environment Fund;

### IV

#### ENVIRONMENT CO-ORDINATION BOARD

1. *Decides* that, in order to provide for the most efficient co-ordination of United Nations environmental programmes, an Environment Co-ordination Board, under the chairmanship of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, shall be established under the auspices and within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

2. *Further decides* that the Environment Co-ordination Board shall meet periodically for the purpose of ensuring co-operation and co-ordination among all

<sup>43</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.



bodies concerned in the implementation of environmental programmes and that it shall report annually to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system to adopt the measures that may be required to undertake concerted and co-ordinated programmes with regard to international environmental problems, taking into account existing procedures for prior consultation, particularly on programme and budgetary matters;

4. *Invites* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, in co-operation where necessary with other appropriate regional bodies, to intensify further their efforts directed towards contributing to the implementation of environmental programmes in view of the particular need for the rapid development of regional co-operation in this field;

5. *Also invites* other intergovernmental and those non-governmental organizations that have an interest in the field of the environment to lend their full support and collaboration to the United Nations with a view to achieving the largest possible degree of co-operation and co-ordination;

6. *Calls upon* Governments to ensure that appropriate national institutions shall be entrusted with the task of the co-ordination of environmental action, both national and international;

7. *Decides* to review as appropriate, at its thirty-first session, the above institutional arrangements, bearing in mind, *inter alia*, the responsibilities of the Economic and Social Council under the Charter of the United Nations.

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*At its 2112th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1972, the General Assembly, in pursuance of section I, paragraph 1, of the above resolution, elected the fifty-eight members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.*

*The following States were elected: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CANADA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHILE, CHINA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GABON, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, GHANA, GUATEMALA, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, LEBANON, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SWEDEN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.*

*The General Assembly then selected by the drawing of lots the members of the Governing Council to serve for three years, for two years and for one year.*

*As a result of the above election, the composition of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for 1973 will be as follows: ARGENTINA,\* AUSTRALIA,\*\* AUSTRIA,\*\* BRAZIL,\*\* BURUNDI,\*\* CAMEROON,\*\* CANADA,\* CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,\*\* CHILE,\*\* CHINA,\* CZECHOSLOVAKIA,\* FRANCE,\* GABON,\* GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,\*\* GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF,\*\* GHANA,\* GUATEMALA,\* ICELAND,\*\* INDIA,\*\* INDONESIA,\* IRAN,\*\* IRAQ,\*\* ITALY,\*\* JAMAICA,\* JAPAN,\*\* JORDAN,\*\* KENYA,\*\* KUWAIT,\*\* LEBANON,\* MADAGASCAR,\*\* MALAWI,\*\* MEXICO,\*\* MOROCCO,\* NETHERLANDS,\*\* NICARAGUA,\*\* NIGERIA,\*\* PAKISTAN,\*\* PANAMA,\*\* PERU,\*\* PHILIPPINES,\**

POLAND,\*\* ROMANIA,\*\* SENEGAL,\*\* SIERRA LEONE,\* SOMALIA,\*\* SPAIN,\* SRI LANKA,\*\* SUDAN,\* SWEDEN,\* SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,\* TUNISIA,\*\* TURKEY,\*\* UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,\*\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,\*\* UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,\*\* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,\*\* VENEZUELA\*\* and YUGOSLAVIA.\*

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

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*At the same meeting, in pursuance of section II, paragraph 2, of the above resolution, the General Assembly, on the nomination of the Secretary-General,<sup>44</sup> elected Mr. Maurice F. STRONG Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.*

## 2998 (XXVII). Criteria governing multilateral financing of housing and human settlements

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>45</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 1393 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 1508 (XV) of 12 December 1960, 1676 (XVI) of 18 December 1961, 1917 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963, 2036 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2598 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 and 2718 (XXV) of 15 December 1970,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1170 (XLI) of 5 August 1966,

*Mindful* of the aims expressed in the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, as well as in Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter,

*Taking into account* the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,<sup>46</sup>

*Considering* the important role assigned to housing as part of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>47</sup>

*Further recalling* resolution 2718 (XXV) in which the General Assembly set out broad directions and measures essential for the improvement of human settlements,

*Noting* the report of the Secretary-General entitled *Proposals for Action on Finance for Housing, Building and Planning*,<sup>48</sup>

*Taking into account* the annual report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for 1970,<sup>49</sup> in which the Bank, *inter alia*, considered that priority should be given to housing and human settlements,

*Taking note* of the policy statement on urbanization of 1972 of the International Bank for Reconstruction

<sup>44</sup> See A/8965.

<sup>45</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1.

<sup>46</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.

<sup>47</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>48</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.IV.4.

<sup>49</sup> International Bank for Reconstruction and Development—International Development Association, *Annual Report, 1970* (Washington, D.C.).

and Development, which, *inter alia*, reaffirms the important role of housing and human settlements in overall national development,

*Further taking note* of the recognition by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the need to establish appropriate national finance institutions to mobilize domestic capital to finance these activities,

*Reaffirming* in particular recommendations 1, 15, 16 and 17 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment<sup>50</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

1. *Recommends* that all development assistance agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should in their development assistance activities also give high priority to requests from Governments for assistance in housing and human settlements;

2. *Recommends* that, in its lending policies in this sector, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should provide funds on terms and conditions which fully reflect the unique nature and characteristics of housing and related investments.

3. *Recommends* that in establishing criteria for eligibility for loans under more favourable terms and conditions the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should take into account, in addition to economic and monetary criteria, such critical socio-economic factors as levels of unemployment, rates of urban growth, population density, and the general condition of the housing stock in the developing countries;

4. *Further recommends* that as a matter of priority the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, in agreement with requesting Governments, should implement its stated policy of providing seed capital loans on favourable terms, taking into account the recommendations in paragraph 3 above, for the establishment of domestic financial institutions and organizations to mobilize and allocate capital for housing and related investments;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **2999 (XXVII). Establishment of an international fund or financial institution for human settlements**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>51</sup>

*Concerned* with the lack of improvement in the deplorable world housing situation, particularly the critical shortage of low-cost housing or minimal standards of housing in developing countries,

*Aware* that the environment cannot be improved in conditions of poverty, one of the palpable manifestations of which is the substandard quality of human settlements, particularly in developing countries,

*Recognizing* the need for intensified and more concrete international action to strengthen national programmes in the planning, improvement and management of rural and urban settlements, thereby narrowing the growing gap between housing needs and available supply and improving the environmental quality of human settlements,

*Noting* the report of the Secretary-General entitled *Proposals for Action on Finance for Housing, Building and Planning*,<sup>52</sup>

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1170 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 and 1507 (XLVIII) of 28 May 1970 on a proposed international institution to support domestic savings and credit facilities in housing,

*Noting in particular* recommendation 17 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment,<sup>53</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, that Governments and the Secretary-General should take immediate steps to establish an international fund or financial institution that would provide seed capital and technical assistance for the effective mobilization of domestic resources for housing and the environmental improvement of human settlements,

1. *Endorses* in principle the establishment of an international fund or financial institution for the purpose envisaged in recommendation 17 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed on this subject at the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to prepare a study on the establishment and operations of such a fund or institution, together with his recommendations and proposals, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to collaborate in the preparation of the study referred to in paragraph 2 above.

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#### **3000 (XXVII). Measures for protecting and enhancing the environment**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>54</sup>

*Cognizant* of the effective contribution of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and the Preparatory Committee for the Conference,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Government of Sweden for acting as host to the Conference,

*Convinced* that actions at the national level can complement and perfect the Action Plan for the Human Environment<sup>55</sup> adopted by the Conference,

*Recalling* its resolution 2849 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 entitled "Development and environment" and

<sup>52</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.IV.4.

<sup>53</sup> See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

<sup>54</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1.

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II.

<sup>50</sup> See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

<sup>51</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1.

the set of recommendations of the Conference pertaining to development and environment,<sup>56</sup>

*Recalling further* paragraphs 2 (e) and 5 (d) of Conference resolution 1 (I) of 15 June 1972<sup>57</sup> on institutional and financial arrangements,

*Bearing in mind* Economic and Social Council resolution 1718 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

1. *Stresses* the importance of action at the national level for protecting and enhancing the environment;

2. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme<sup>58</sup> to explore at its first session ways and means of promoting effective regional programmes in the field of the environment;

3. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, in formulating environmental programmes, to ensure the compatibility of the implementation of these programmes with:

(a) The policy measures and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>59</sup> relating to science and technology;

(b) Policy measures and objectives that are to be recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development upon consideration of the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,<sup>60</sup>

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Committee on Review and Appraisal to keep this matter under review and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the steps taken with regard to paragraph 3 above.

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### 3001 (XXVII). United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* resolution 2718 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which it recommended broad directions and measures essential for the improvement of human settlements,

*Noting* the urgency of the world-wide human settlement problems, present and future,

*Taking into account* the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,<sup>61</sup>

*Considering* the important role assigned to housing as part of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>62</sup>

*Recognizing* the need for international efforts to develop new and additional approaches to these problems, especially in the developing countries,

*Desiring* to maintain the momentum of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in this

area through a conference-exposition on human settlements, the preparation for which should generate a review of policies and programmes for human settlements, national and international, and should result in the selection and support of a series of demonstration projects on human settlements sponsored by individual countries and the United Nations,

*Taking into account* recommendation 2.2 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment<sup>63</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

1. *Decides* to hold a United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements;

2. *Accepts* the offer of the Government of Canada to act as host to the Conference-Exposition in 1975;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme<sup>64</sup> at its first session a report containing a plan for, and anticipated costs of, the Conference-Exposition.

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### 3002 (XXVII). Development and environment

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2849 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 entitled "Development and environment",

*Considering* its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 on institutional and financial arrangements for international environmental co-operation,

*Noting* the set of recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment pertaining to development and environment,<sup>65</sup>

*Reaffirming* the importance of implementing the objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>66</sup> and the need to provide adequate resources for their fulfilment,

*Bearing in mind* that the funds available to the international community for research and action in the fields of the protection and enhancement of the environment will tend to be scarce in relation to the needs,

1. *Stresses* that, in the implementation and financing of the objectives set forth in section III, paragraphs 2 and 3, of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), such environmental measures and programmes as may also constitute a necessary part of the process of accelerating the economic development of developing countries should receive special consideration in the formulation of programmes and priorities by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in formulating environmental programmes to ensure, in accordance with the principles set forth in General Assembly resolution 2849 (XXVI), the compatibility of these programmes with the objectives and policy measures of global strategies and sectoral guidelines for the economic

<sup>56</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. B.

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III. Paragraphs 2 (e) and 5 (d) were incorporated in resolution 2997 (XXVII) without change (see sect. I, para. 2 (e), and sect. II, para. 2 (d), of that resolution).

<sup>58</sup> See resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I.

<sup>59</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>60</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>62</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>63</sup> See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

<sup>64</sup> See resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I.

<sup>65</sup> See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II, sect. B.

<sup>66</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

development of developing countries as defined by the United Nations;

3. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to discharge its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and section I, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), in such a way as to enhance the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and to ensure that the development priorities of the developing countries set out in the International Development Strategy are in no way adversely affected or distorted;

4. *Recommends* respect for the principle that resources for environmental programmes, both within and outside the United Nations system, be additional to the present level and projected growth of resources contemplated in the International Development Strategy, to be made available for programmes directly related to developmental assistance;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report providing a comprehensive picture within the United Nations system of the distribution and patterns of growth of resources and programmes in various fields, including funds for special purposes, in order to permit an evaluation of their conformity with the over-all policies and priorities of development as established in the relevant decisions of the Council and the Assembly.

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### 3003 (XXVII). International prize for the most outstanding contribution in the field of the environment

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* recommendation 38 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment<sup>67</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

*Recalling also* that one main purpose of the Conference was to increase the awareness among Governments and public opinion about the importance and urgency of the problems of the environment,

*Recognizing* that effective international co-operation in the field of the environment should be firmly based on action at the national level,

*Welcomes* the initiative of the Government of Iran in setting aside an area constituting an ecosystem of global importance to be placed in joint trust with an international agency and in establishing an annual prize by that Government for the most outstanding contribution in the field of the environment to be awarded through the United Nations.

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### 3004 (XXVII). Location of the environment secretariat<sup>68</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968, 2581 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, 2657

(XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2850 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>69</sup> in particular the recommendation on the establishment of the environment secretariat,

*Noting also* the report of the Secretary-General on the location of the proposed environment secretariat,<sup>70</sup>

*Considering* that the headquarters of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies are all located in the developed States in North America and Western Europe,

*Convinced* that in order to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, in accordance with the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations, the activities and headquarters or secretariats of United Nations bodies or agencies should be located having regard, *inter alia*, to equitable geographical distribution of such activities, headquarters or secretariats,

1. *Decides* to locate the environment secretariat in a developing country;

2. *Further decides* to locate the environment secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya.

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### 3015 (XXVII). United Nations Children's Fund

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the section of the report of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the United Nations Children's Fund,<sup>71</sup>

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1709 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 on the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Reiterates* its appeal to Governments and other donors to make every effort to increase their contributions to the Fund so as to enable it to reach its target figure of \$100 million by 1975.

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### 3016 (XXVII). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966, 2386 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968 and 2692 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 concerning permanent sovereignty over natural resources,

*Reaffirming* the need for further examination of these vital issues by the General Assembly,

*Emphasizing* the great importance for the economic progress of all countries, especially the developing

<sup>69</sup> A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1.

<sup>70</sup> A/8783/Add.1 and Corr.1 and Add.2.

<sup>71</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703), chap. VII, sect. D.

<sup>67</sup> See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

<sup>68</sup> See resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. II.

countries, of their fully exercising their rights so as to secure the maximum yield from their natural resources, both on land and in their coastal waters,

*Taking into account* principles II and XI of resolution 46 (III) of 18 May 1972 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>72</sup>

*Also taking into account* resolution 45 (III) of 18 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>72</sup> entitled "Charter of the economic rights and duties of States", and having regard to the relevant principles of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,<sup>73</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* the right of States to permanent sovereignty over all their natural resources, on land within their international boundaries as well as those found in the sea-bed and the subsoil thereof within their national jurisdiction and in the superjacent waters;

2. *Further reaffirms* its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, which proclaims that no State may use or encourage the use of economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights and to secure from it advantages of any kind;

3. *Declares* that actions, measures or legislative regulations by States aimed at coercing, directly or indirectly, other States engaged in the change of their internal structure or in the exercise of their sovereign rights over their natural resources, both on land and in their coastal waters, are in violation of the Charter and of the Declaration contained in resolution 2625 (XXV) and contradict the targets, objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;<sup>74</sup>

4. *Calls upon* Governments to continue their efforts aimed at the implementation of the principles and recommendations contained in the aforementioned resolutions of the General Assembly and, in particular, of the principles enunciated in paragraphs 1 to 3 above;

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources<sup>75</sup> and requests him to supplement it with a further detailed study on recent developments, taking into account the right of States to exercise permanent sovereignty over their natural resources, as well as the factors impeding States from exercising this right;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to accord high priority, at its fifty-fourth session, to the item entitled "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries", together with the report of the Secretary-General and the present resolution, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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<sup>72</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>73</sup> See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. I.

<sup>74</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>75</sup> E/5170.

### 3017 (XXVII). Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965, relating to the development and utilization of human resources, 2090 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2259 (XXII) of 3 November 1967, relating to the training of national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of the developing countries, and 2320 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 and 2417 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968, relating to the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1573 (L) of 19 May 1971,

*Bearing in mind* that an acceleration of the rate of economic growth of the developing countries and a rapid improvement of their social structures through the eradication of mass poverty, inequality and illiteracy require, *inter alia*, an over-all strategy for technological development,

*Conscious* that the technological development of developing countries, even though concentrated on research and its practical applications with a view to the promotion of local and adapted technologies, should, in the most favourable conditions, benefit from a large-scale transfer of appropriate technological knowledge accumulated mainly in the developed countries,

*Considering* how decisively important it is for the developing countries to have technically and scientifically trained local personnel in order to:

(a) Take advantage of the facilities offered by access to the technology of the developed countries,

(b) Use that technology by adapting it to national conditions,

(c) Develop techniques suited to their production structures,

(d) Create their own national technologies,

*Considering further* that the objectives mentioned in the preceding paragraph have been adequately enunciated in the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development* prepared by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>76</sup>

*Taking into account* that not only has this large-scale transfer of the store of technological knowledge not taken place, but that what has in fact been witnessed in recent years is the opposite phenomenon, namely, a constant diminution of the store of technological knowledge in the developing countries through the outflow of trained national personnel who emigrate chiefly to some of the market-economy countries, thus obviously affecting the capacity of the developing countries to cope with the tasks of development through the utilization of trained national personnel,

*Recognizing* that the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries has its roots in the phenomenon of under-development itself and that any measures to overcome it must take into consideration that fact, as well as an understanding of the reasons for the outflow,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system

<sup>76</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.

concerned and taking due note of the report on the subject being prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and of the work done by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and other interested bodies in the United Nations system, and in consultation with the Member States concerned:

(a) To prepare a study on the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries which affects their technological development, bringing out the negative consequences in the developing countries and the advantages reaped by the industrialized countries, and pin-pointing the mechanics of that outflow and identifying the countries to which it is directed;

(b) In assessing the negative consequences of this phenomenon in the developing countries, to give special attention to the way in which this outflow hinders the creation of suitable technical infrastructures and prejudices the capacity to utilize imported technology and the creation of national technologies and to the policy measures which the developing countries themselves may have to take to stem this outflow;

2. Invites the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system and bearing in mind the study referred to in paragraph 1 above, to draft, in consultation with the Member States concerned, the necessary guidelines for a programme of action to be elaborated by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, indicating viable measures that can be taken to deal with the problem and, above all, practical and effective guidance to be followed, mainly by the Governments of industrialized countries, to put an end to, and to reverse, that process without prejudice to existing international agreements and in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take urgent measures to make widely known to the appropriate authorities in developing countries the proposals contained in the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development* as one of the means to counterbalance the outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the study referred to in paragraph 1 above to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, and the guidelines for a programme of action to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session.

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### 3018 (XXVII). The problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the Economic and Social Council on its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions,<sup>77</sup>

<sup>77</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703) and Supplement No. 3A (A/8703/Add.1).

Inspired by the solemn determination of the peoples of the United Nations, as embodied in the Charter, to promote their economic and social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Reiterating paragraph 7 of the preamble of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>78</sup> which states that the ultimate objective of development must be to bring about sustained improvement in the well-being of the individual and bestow benefits on all and that development fails in its essential purpose if undue privileges, extremes of wealth and social injustices persist,

Noting the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eighth session,<sup>79</sup> which considered in depth the nature and urgency of the problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries and the inequalities in the distribution of wealth and income in those countries,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1727 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 on mass poverty and unemployment,

Deeply concerned that at this stage of the Second United Nations Development Decade there is no manifest improvement in the individual lives of the great masses of people in the developing countries,

Recalling resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>80</sup> on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Aware that a grave problem in developing countries is the critical relationship of social equity to economic growth,

Noting the urgent need for more and better quantitative data on past and current trends in employment and income distribution in developing countries,

Noting further the statement of the President of the World Bank Group<sup>81</sup> that, in some ten countries with *per capita* income averaging \$145, the poorest 40 per cent of the population receive incomes of only \$50, and that, in another ten countries with *per capita* incomes averaging \$275, the poorest 40 per cent of the population receive incomes of only \$80,

Convinced that these desperately poor people should not be left outside the mainstream of development and that their condition of abject poverty should be improved if the danger of widespread social and economic upheaval is to be averted,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1727 (LIII);

2. Invites developing countries where large segments of the population have *per capita* incomes significantly lower than the national average to continue their programmes and to take such further steps as may be necessary to achieve a better income distribution and to create new employment opportunities as a means of improving the livelihood of the poorest sections of their populations within their national plans and priorities.

<sup>78</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>79</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5126).

<sup>80</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>81</sup> Statement made to the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the World Bank Group on 25 September 1972.

including the structural reforms that may be necessary;

3. *Invites* developed countries to consider ways of enlarging the volume of their concessionary assistance and thus enhance the capacity of developing countries to eradicate mass poverty and unemployment among the poorest sections of their communities;

4. *Urges* organizations within the United Nations system, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, to give due consideration to the development and implementation of measures to assist the developing countries in raising the level of living of their low-income groups;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 3019 (XXVII). United Nations Fund for Population Activities

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its invitation and the requests set forth in its resolution 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

*Welcoming* the Secretary-General's note<sup>82</sup> with interim recommendations requiring urgent action to achieve improvements in the administrative machinery of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities aimed at the efficient and expeditious delivery of population programmes,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the fifty-two Member States which, to date, have responded to that invitation and have pledged financial support to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

*Noting* from the information given by the Secretary-General that the administration of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has been reorganized over the past year in order to make even more effective use of its staff and resources,

*Noting further* that the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and its scope of operations have now grown to a size which makes its supervision by an intergovernmental body desirable,

*Expressing further its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and to the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for their efforts, which have achieved the significant results of the past year,

*Noting also* the recommendation of the Secretary-General to change the character of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities from a trust fund of the Secretary-General into a fund established under the authority of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to place the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the General Assembly;

2. *Decides further*, without prejudice to the overall responsibilities and policy functions of the Economic and Social Council, that the Governing Council of

the United Nations Development Programme, subject to conditions to be established by the Economic and Social Council, shall be the governing body of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and invites the Governing Council to concern itself with the financial and administrative policies relating to the work programme, the fund-raising methods and the annual budget of the Fund;

3. *Invites* the Governing Council to organize itself in such a way that it can exercise effectively these functions, taking into account the separate identity of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and its need to operate under the guidance of the Economic and Social Council, in close relationship with interested Governments and with appropriate international and national bodies, governmental and non-governmental, interested in population activities;

4. *Authorizes* the Governing Council, at its fifteenth session, to apply to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities funding principles similar to those of the United Nations Development Programme and to establish the necessary financial rules and regulations, subject to consideration by the Governing Council of a report, prepared by the Executive Director of the Fund in consultation with the Administrator of the Programme, and of the full implications thereof;

5. *Requests* the Governing Council to consider further steps necessary to achieve improvements in the administrative and operational machinery of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to inform the Economic and Social Council in its annual report of those further steps taken to implement General Assembly resolution 2815 (XXVI) and the present resolution and to submit annually a report on the activities of the Fund to the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Renews* its invitation to interested Governments to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities without prejudice to the agreed level of growth of contributions to the United Nations Development Programme and development assistance in general.

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### 3035 (XXVII). Code of conduct for liner conferences

*The General Assembly,*

*Welcoming* the unanimous agreement reached by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, held at Santiago, Chile, from 13 April to 21 May 1972, that there was an urgent need for adopting and implementing a universally acceptable code of conduct to regulate the activities of liner conferences, which fully takes into account the special needs and problems of the developing countries,

*Recalling* resolution 66 (III) of 19 May 1972 entitled "Draft code of conduct for liner conferences" adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>83</sup>

<sup>83</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>82</sup> A/8899.



1. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to convene as early as possible in 1973, under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, a conference of plenipotentiaries to consider and adopt a convention or any other multilateral legally binding instrument on a code of conduct for liner conferences;

2. *Decides* to establish, also under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, a Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, consisting of forty-eight members to be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development<sup>84</sup> with the same distribution between the different regional areas as was established for the fourth session of the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation, with the addition of two members from each regional area;

3. *Also decides* that the Preparatory Committee shall prepare the draft of a convention or any other multilateral legally binding instrument on a code of conduct for liner conferences for submission to the conference of plenipotentiaries referred to in paragraph 1 above;

4. *Decides further* that the first session of the Preparatory Committee should be convened as early as possible and that the final session should be held at least two months before the conference of plenipotentiaries;

5. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee should take into consideration, as a basis for its work:

(a) The draft code of conduct for liner conferences annexed to resolution 66 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(b) The report of the debates on this subject by the Fourth Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>85</sup> including an informal exchange of views on the draft code of conduct for liner conferences and a summing-up by the Chairman of that Committee;

(c) The report of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development entitled *Regulation of Liner Conferences*;<sup>86</sup>

(d) The report of the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation on its third session.<sup>87</sup>

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<sup>84</sup> The Preparatory Committee will be composed of the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Madagascar, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire.

<sup>85</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex VI.D.

<sup>86</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.72.II.D.13 and Corr.1.

<sup>87</sup> TD/B/C.4/93.

### 3036 (XXVII). Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its third session<sup>88</sup> and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 22 September 1971 to 25 October 1972,<sup>89</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the joint statement by eight socialist countries at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly concerning the Second United Nations Development Decade and social progress<sup>90</sup> and their declaration at the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>91</sup>

*Conscious* that the production capacity and trade flows of the least developed among the developing countries have been and continue to be extremely low, and that it is urgent for the commercial policy measures which are applied to all developing countries to be supplemented by liberal and considerably larger contributions of financial and technical assistance for the least developed countries, in order to eliminate the existing bottle-neck in their economy at the production level,

*Recognizing* that the relevant provisions of resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development<sup>92</sup> and of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>93</sup> must be applied in practice as soon as possible,

1. *Endorses* resolution 62 (III) unanimously adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies concerned and other United Nations bodies, as well as the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, to initiate and accelerate the implementation of their action programmes in favour of the least developed countries in the areas within their competence and to submit periodic reports on the matter to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Also requests* all States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, especially developed countries, to implement urgently the special measures in favour of the least developed countries contained in Conference resolution 62 (III) and to continue to review the measures they have taken in favour of these countries, as well as ways and means of carrying out those measures, and to provide information to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on actions taken in connexion with the consideration and implementation of the recommendations of the Conference,

<sup>88</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4).

<sup>89</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1).*

<sup>90</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/8074.

<sup>91</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex VIII.G.

<sup>92</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>93</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).



to enable him to submit periodic reports to the Trade and Development Board.

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### 3037 (XXVII). Charter of the economic rights and duties of States

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its third session,<sup>94</sup>

*Decides* to enlarge the composition of the Working Group on the Charter of the Economic Rights and Duties of States established under resolution 45 (III) of 18 May 1972 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>95</sup> and authorizes the Secretary-General of the Conference to appoint nine additional members, in consultation with Governments of member States.

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### 3038 (XXVII). Dissemination of information and mobilization of public opinion regarding problems of trade and development

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 84 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>96</sup> relating to the mobilization of public opinion,

*Recalling* its resolution 2800 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, regarding the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion relative to the review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

*Noting with satisfaction* resolution 43 (III) of 17 May 1972,<sup>97</sup> in which the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development proposed a series of specific measures for the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion relative to problems of trade and development,

*Noting also* agreed conclusion 89 (XII) of 20 October 1972,<sup>98</sup> adopted on the subject by the Trade and Development Board at the first part of its twelfth session,

*Convinced* that improvement in the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion, particularly among young people, would be an important factor for greater awareness of the general problems of development and would thus promote the increased efforts required in the sphere of interna-

tional co-operation for development and the success of the International Development Strategy,

1. *Decides* to institute a World Development Information Day with the object of drawing the attention of world public opinion each year to development problems and the necessity of strengthening international co-operation to solve them;

2. *Further decides* that the date for this day shall coincide in principle with United Nations Day, 24 October, which is also the date on which the International Development Strategy for the Second Nations Development Decade was adopted in 1970;

3. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board to study at its fifth special session, devoted to the review and appraisal of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the preliminary report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,<sup>99</sup> as well as the interim report requested of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in agreed conclusion 89 (XII);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prepare, for the fifth special session of the Trade and Development Board, a detailed report elaborating the elements outlined in his preliminary report;

5. *Further invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to indicate in the detailed report mentioned in paragraph 4 above what measures he is considering, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 43 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to strengthen the information services of the Conference and to regroup them, in close liaison with the Office of Public Information, in particular the Centre for Economic and Social Information and other United Nations information sources, in an information unit responsible for giving wider publicity to the debates and decisions of the Conference concerning problems of trade and development and to the objectives of the International Development Strategy of concern to the Conference;

6. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board at its fifth special session to outline a programme of events for World Development Information Day in 1973 and to make specific proposals to that end;

7. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session, taking into consideration the report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifth special session, to draw up a programme of events for World Development Information Day in 1973.

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### 3039 (XXVII). External debt servicing by the developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of the purposes set forth in Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations, which specifies that the United Nations should promote higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

*Recalling* its resolutions 2170 (XXI) of 6 December 1966, 2415 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968 and 2807 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 concerning the need

<sup>94</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4).

<sup>95</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.A.

<sup>96</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>97</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>98</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*, part one, annex I.

<sup>99</sup> A/8893.

to find practical solutions to the increasing external indebtedness of developing countries,

*Bearing in mind* resolution 59 (III) of 19 May 1972 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>100</sup>

*Noting* that, according to official information given by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, the combined gross national products of the countries of the world increased by \$1,100,000 million during the First United Nations Development Decade and all the developing countries together accounted for only 20 per cent of that increase,

*Taking into account* the report of the World Bank Group to the Board of Governors, dated 25 September 1972,<sup>101</sup> on the steadily increasing burden of external debt servicing (amortization and interest) by the developing countries, which this year will exceed \$7,000 million,

*Aware* that, by absorbing ever-increasing percentages of their export earnings, the servicing of the external debt of the developing countries is jeopardizing the chances of attaining the goals set for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Considering* therefore that it is urgently necessary to adopt practical measures to reduce effectively the burden represented by the external debt servicing of the developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to study, through its Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade at its sixth session, the problems deriving from the burden for the developing countries represented by the servicing of their external debt, including the desirability and feasibility of the establishment and operation of a special fund for the financing, and/or compensation, of the interest on that debt;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to prepare, after consultation with the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, a study on the matters referred to in paragraph 1 above with a view to its submission to the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade for consideration at its sixth session.

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### 3040 (XXVII). Multilateral trade negotiations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* resolution 82 (III) of 20 May 1972 as well as resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>102</sup> and the principles

<sup>100</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>101</sup> See *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development—International Development Association, Annual Report, 1972* (Washington, D.C.).

<sup>102</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

contained in paragraph 1 of resolution 82 (III), which were drawn up by the developing countries to serve as guidelines for the multilateral trade negotiations in 1973,

*Recalling further* the agreed conclusions adopted by the Trade and Development Board at the first part of its twelfth session,<sup>103</sup>

*Considering* the importance of those multilateral trade negotiations from the point of view of the trade and economic interests of the developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the negotiations may lead to very important changes in world economic affairs and that the interests of the developing nations should be taken fully into account both in the field of trade and in the spheres of international monetary reform and development financing,

*Considering* that the summing-up by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at its twenty-eighth session, on 14 November 1972, regarding the objectives of the developing countries in the multilateral trade negotiations may be considered a step forward in so far as it states that the negotiations should aim at securing additional benefits for the international trade of the developing countries so as to achieve a substantial increase in their foreign exchange earnings, diversification of their exports and an acceleration of the rate of growth of their trade, taking into consideration their development needs,

*Taking into account* the establishment of a Preparatory Committee for the Trade Negotiations within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

1. *Invites* all Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to give priority attention to the economic and development needs of developing countries during the preparatory work as well as in all stages of the multilateral trade negotiations;

2. *Also invites* the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to re-examine, with a view to their adoption, the objectives of the developing countries in the multilateral trade negotiations that were not included in the summing-up by the Chairman at the twenty-eighth session of the General Agreement, particularly those relating to the economic development of the developing countries, such as an increased share for the developing countries in world trade, an improvement in the conditions of access for their exports to the markets of the industrialized countries and new rules for the international trade of those countries;

3. *Declares* that the multilateral trade negotiations should contribute effectively to a more equitable international division of labour;

4. *Recommends* that the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade should take full account of the following principles, to serve as guidelines for the multilateral trade negotiations:

(a) The developing countries, collectively or individually, shall not suffer, directly or indirectly, adverse or prejudicial effects as a result of these negotiations; on the contrary, the negotiations shall provide the developing countries with additional benefits that repre-

<sup>103</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*, part one, annex I.

sent a substantial and meaningful improvement of their position in international trade so that they may secure an increasing share in the growth in international trade commensurate with the needs of their economic development on the basis of non-reciprocity, non-discrimination and preferential treatment;

(b) If the preferential advantages enjoyed by developing countries are adversely affected by the results of these negotiations, the developed countries shall take additional measures to compensate the developing countries so affected;

(c) Developed countries shall provide more favourable and acceptable conditions of access to the products of developing countries and ensure for these products a larger share of the markets of developed countries, and devise measures designed to attain stable, equitable and remunerative prices for these products;

(d) All developing countries, whether or not contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, shall be entitled and enabled to participate fully, effectively and continuously in all stages of these negotiations so that their interests are fully taken into account;

(e) All concessions that may be exchanged by developed countries among themselves shall automatically be extended to all developing countries;

(f) Concessions granted by the developed countries to developing countries need not be extended to the developed countries;

(g) In the negotiations among developing countries, the tariff and other concessions which they may negotiate among themselves shall not be extended to the developed countries;

(h) The negotiations should, as a matter of priority, secure significant concessions for the products of particular interest to the least developed countries;

(i) The utmost priority shall be accorded to the removal of all barriers to the products of export interest to developing countries in the markets of developed countries;

(j) Concessions agreed upon in the negotiations in favour of developing countries shall be made available to them **immediately** and will not be phased, nor will accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade be a **prior condition** for the enjoyment of the benefits of such concessions;

5. *Further invites* the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to study and adopt:

(a) New rules fully recognizing the right of developing countries, especially the land-locked countries, to non-reciprocity, non-discrimination and preferential treatment for developing countries, and to incorporate these rules in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

(b) Objectives aimed at ensuring the acceleration of the economic development of developing countries;

(c) Objectives aimed at defining in the trade negotiations specific goals, both global and sectoral, and on a product-by-product basis;

6. *Invites* the Preparatory Committee for the Trade Negotiations to study ways and means for economic and financial compensation for any loss incurred by developing countries as a result of these negotiations;

7. *Recommends* that the negotiations should, as a matter of priority, secure significant concessions for

the primary commodities, including processed and semi-processed products, for the least developed among the developing countries and for the land-locked developing countries, with a view to improving substantially their export of these products;

8. *Further recommends* that the trade negotiations should secure the liberalization of tariff and non-tariff barriers on a preferential basis for the exports of developing countries, whether or not contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make intensive efforts to assist developing countries in the preparations for the negotiations and in the negotiations themselves, drawing up and implementing interregional, regional and country programmes, in full collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

10. *Endorses fully* section D of resolution 82 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, particularly with regard to co-ordination between the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

11. *Requests and recommends* that in general the decisions and measures that the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade adopt in favour of the developing countries should be applicable to all of them; it also requests and recommends that, in whatever action or special measures they take in favour of the least developed countries, they should ensure that the interests of the other developing countries are in no way harmed or prejudiced.

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### **3041 (XXVII). Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its third session**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, 2570 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969, 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 and 2725 (XXV) of 15 December 1970,

*Recalling further* resolution 2820 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, in which it laid down the objectives for the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and decided to consider the results of that session as a matter of high priority,

*Recalling in particular* section II of its resolution 2820 (XXVI) on a comprehensive review of the institutional arrangements of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development with a view to improving the efficiency of its operations, and on the essential role of the Conference to review and appraise, within its field of competence, the progress achieved in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second Nations Development Decade,<sup>104</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its third

<sup>104</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

session<sup>105</sup> held at Santiago, Chile, from 13 April to 21 May 1972, and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period 22 September 1971 to 25 October 1972,<sup>106</sup>

*Considering* that at its third session the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development was able to take cognizance of, and to start to act upon, major developments in the trade and monetary fields and that the final meaning of that session will depend to a large extent on follow-up action to implement the resolutions adopted and to reach agreement on those important issues that remained unsolved,

*Emphasizing* the significant part that the permanent machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has to play in the field of trade and development and that its effectiveness depends considerably upon the political will of the Governments of all Member States, in particular those of developed countries, to find solutions to the development problems of the world,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its third session and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period 22 September 1971 to 25 October 1972;

2. *Welcomes* resolution 82 (III) of 20 May 1972 on multilateral trade negotiations and resolution 84 (III) of 21 May 1972 on the international monetary situation, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>107</sup> and reaffirms that the developing countries should participate fully, effectively and continuously in all stages of the multilateral trade negotiations and in the decision-making process of the international monetary system and its reform, notably through their participation in the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Reform of the International Monetary System and Related Issues, established by the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund, and forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations, to ensure that full consideration is given to their specific interests;

3. *Takes note* of agreed conclusion 92 (XII) of 23 October 1972 of the Trade and Development Board on multilateral trade negotiations,<sup>108</sup> whereby the Board agreed, *inter alia*, that one of the fundamental aims of the negotiations should be the expansion and the diversification of exports of developing countries in accordance with their trade and development needs and that, consequently, every effort should be made in the course of the negotiations to ensure that they result in significant benefits to the developing countries;

4. *Invites* the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to make adequate arrangements in order to ensure that all developing countries, whether or not contracting parties to the General Agreement, are given the opportunity to par-

ticipate fully, effectively and continuously in all stages of the negotiations, so that their interests are fully taken into account; such arrangements should be without any prejudice to their position with regard to their accession to the General Agreement;

5. *Notes* the summing-up by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at its twenty-eighth session on the multilateral trade negotiations, on 14 November 1972, whereby agreed conclusion 92 (XII) of the Trade and Development Board was taken into consideration and it was agreed that the negotiations should aim at securing additional benefits for the international trade of the developing countries so as to achieve a substantial increase in their foreign exchange earnings, diversification of their exports and an acceleration of the rate of growth of their trade, taking into account their development needs, and, in this connexion, invites the States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to ensure that these fundamental aims of the negotiations will be fully achieved and to continue to pursue their efforts to include other fundamental objectives such as, *inter alia*, further improvement of the conditions of access to the markets of the industrialized countries for the exports of the developing countries and the solution of the problems caused by pricing policies;

6. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Reform of the International Monetary System and Related issues, as recommended in resolution 84 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

7. *Endorses* the recommendation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development that problems in the monetary, trade and finance spheres should be resolved in a co-ordinated manner, taking into account their interdependence, with the full participation of developed and developing countries, and takes note of the decision of the Trade and Development Board to continue the consideration of this matter at the second part of its twelfth session;

8. *Endorses* the request addressed by the Trade and Development Board to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue and develop further his consultations with the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund and the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as required, to submit reports to members of the Conference when he considers it necessary and, in the intervals between sessions of the Board, to utilize fully existing procedures and mechanisms for consultations;

9. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Trade and Development Board at the second part of its twelfth session with a view to enabling the Board to consider and reach agreement on ways in which the Conference can ensure an effective contribution within its competence—before and during the multilateral trade negotiations and discussions on monetary reform to take place in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the International Monetary Fund, respectively—to the solution in a co-ordinated manner of the problems in the monetary, trade and finance spheres, in pursuance of Conference resolution 84 (III);

<sup>105</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4).

<sup>106</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*.

<sup>107</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>108</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*, part one, annex I.

10. *Welcomes* the conclusion of the International Cocoa Agreement, 1972, adopted within the framework of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in October 1972, and urges the coming into force of the Agreement as early as possible in 1973;

11. *Endorses* agreed conclusion 90 (XII) of 23 October 1972<sup>109</sup> of the Trade and Development Board whereby the Board agreed to give priority attention to the conditions of international trade in primary commodities, on which the great majority of developing countries still heavily depend for their export earnings, and draws the attention of the Board to the need for substantial improvement of the terms of trade by the middle of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

12. *Urges* all States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the necessary steps to ensure their effective participation in the preparation for, and the work of, the seventh (special) session of the Committee on Commodities with a view to reaching concrete and significant results in trade liberalization and pricing policy early in the 1970s, as called for in Conference resolution 83 (III) of 20 May 1972;<sup>110</sup>

13. *Requests* the World Bank Group to undertake, as a matter of priority and within the limits of its competence, the measures provided for in Conference resolution 54 (III) of 19 May 1972<sup>110</sup> designed to ensure the stabilization of the prices of raw materials;

14. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to provide assistance to the developing countries in their participation in the various stages of the multilateral trade negotiations and to make the appropriate budgetary allocation to this end, without prejudice to the continuation of its work relative to the expansion of the trade of developing countries, which shall not be delayed in any way by the forthcoming negotiations, and invites the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme and in accordance with paragraph 8 of Conference resolution 82 (III), to give the highest priority to requests for assistance formulated by their member States with a view to enabling them to participate effectively in the multilateral trade negotiations;

15. *Notes with appreciation* that, through the continuous efforts of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as reflected in resolutions of the Conference, intergovernmental action is gradually being mobilized in an increasing number of fields, such as those of the marketing and distribution of primary products, restrictive business practices in the manufactures trade, contractual transfers of technology, insurance and reinsurance and the practices of liner conferences, in particular in cases where the activities of transnational enterprises have long controlled, restricted or otherwise influenced the international market, interfering with its functioning in a way that is often detrimental to the full realization of the development potential of the developing countries;

16. *Endorses* Trade and Development Board resolution 88 (XII) of 19 October 1972<sup>111</sup> regarding permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

17. *Endorses* resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972,<sup>110</sup> on the special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries and resolution 63 (III) of 19 May 1972,<sup>110</sup> on the special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries, both of which were unanimously adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session;

18. *Calls upon* all the States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in particular the developed countries, to take the necessary steps to give effective implementation, through action at the national and intergovernmental levels, to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Conference at its third session, and also to make every effort to reach an agreement on the tasks that remain unfinished and on the large number of important issues remitted by the Conference to its continuing machinery for further consideration and action;

19. *Recommends* that the Trade and Development Board, at its fifth special session, should within its competence review the progress made in, and seek further implementation of, the policy measures of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>112</sup> as adopted within the time-limits prescribed therein, reach agreements in more specific terms on issues that had not been fully resolved, seek new areas of agreement and widen the existing ones, and evolve new concepts and seek agreements on additional measures, so as to fulfil the essential role and responsibility of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the review and appraisal procedure and to facilitate the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy, in accordance with Conference resolution 79 (III) of 20 May 1972;<sup>113</sup>

20. *Further recommends* that the Trade and Development Board, in the light of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, and particularly of paragraph 7 (a) of Conference resolution 80 (III) of 20 May 1972,<sup>113</sup> and of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), should select the areas in which action can be initiated for the negotiation and adoption of multilateral legal instruments within its field of competence;

21. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to continue its work:

(a) With a view to the fullest possible effective implementation of principles governing international trade and economic relations among States as approved both at the first and the third sessions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(b) For the further strengthening of the institutional machinery of the Conference as recommended in section II, paragraphs 30, 31 and 32, of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX);

<sup>111</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*, part one, annex I.

<sup>112</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>113</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>109</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>110</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to carry out the work programme for 1973-1974, as submitted to the Trade and Development Board at the first part of its twelfth session,<sup>114</sup> so as to ensure to the

<sup>114</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1)*, part two, chapter I.

fullest extent possible the effective implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the Conference and of the Board and, to this end, recommends that the appropriate bodies of the United Nations should take the pertinent decisions for the provision of the needed financial resources.

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### Other decisions

#### Report of the Economic and Social Council

##### (Item 12)

At its 2113th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:<sup>115</sup>

(a) Decided to defer until its twenty-eighth session further consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council", recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1622 (LI) of 30 July 1971, and the amendments submitted thereto during the consideration of the draft resolution by the Second Committee at the twenty-sixth session;<sup>116</sup>

(b) Recognizing the importance of the proposals and suggestions contained in the draft resolution entitled "Statement by the United Nations on promoting the development of co-operation in economic, trade, scientific and technological matters on the basis of equality" in relation to the promotion of comprehensive co-operation among States for social and economic progress and development, and considering that, owing to lack of time, it was not possible to discuss adequately and to adopt a decision on this draft statement at the twenty-seventh session, decided to refer the draft statement, together with the summary records of the discussion on this matter in the Second Committee,<sup>117</sup> to the Working Group established under resolution 45 (III) of 18 May 1972 adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>118</sup> for further consideration;

(c) Took note of the tenth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Inter-governmental Committee of the World Food Programme;<sup>119</sup>

(d) Decided to defer until its twenty-eighth session consideration of the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,<sup>120</sup> at which time it might consider in depth the recommendations made thereon to the Economic and Social Council by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Council's comments thereon, in conjunction with the first review and appraisal of the Second United Nations Development Decade and the report which the Secretary-General is to prepare under General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV) on the role of modern science and technology in the development of nations;

(e) Decided to defer until its twenty-eighth session consideration of the questions entitled "Protein resources" and "Application of computer technology for development".

<sup>115</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/8963, para. 59.

<sup>116</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/8578/Add.1, paras. 44-46.

<sup>117</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Second Committee*, 1497th, 1506th and 1510th meetings.

<sup>118</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>119</sup> See E/5129.

<sup>120</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.

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**United Nations Conference on Trade and Development****(Item 43)**

At its 2115th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:<sup>121</sup>

(a) Endorsed the action taken by the Trade and Development Board on the calendar of meetings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in order that every effort should be made, both by delegations and by the secretariat, to minimize the cost and reduce the duration of each meeting;

(b) Requested commodity conferences which are convened under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to dispense with summary records, on the understanding that the secretariat would take the necessary steps to ensure that the work of the participants would not be hampered by this decision.

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<sup>121</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 43, document A/8824/Add.1, para. 57.*





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## 2906 (XXVII). Programme for the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling that on 10 December 1973 the world community will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 2860 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, by which it expressed its conviction of the historic significance and enduring value of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and decided to consider at its twenty-seventh session the question of the preparation of an appropriate programme to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> containing suggestions as to a programme of suitable activities which could be undertaken for this purpose,

1. *Reaffirms* its adherence to the principles, values and ideals contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Reiterates the hope* that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be celebrated by the world community in a manner befitting the occasion and serving the cause of human rights;

3. *Decides* to hold a special meeting on 10 December 1973 at which will be launched the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, as and when approved;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the suggestions presented by the Secretary-General in his report;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To transmit his report to Governments, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for such action as they may wish to undertake in order to give effect to the suggestions contained in the report;

(b) To take the necessary measures for the implementation of those suggestions which fall within the Secretary-General's area of responsibility or which require action by other organs of the United Nations;

(c) To organize as soon as possible seminars on a regional level under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights with the purpose of studying new ways and means for promoting human rights in the light of the present resolution, with special attention to the problems and needs of the various regions of the world;

(d) To submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a progress report on the preparations made and the measures taken in accordance with the present resolution.

*2068th plenary meeting  
19 October 1972*

## 2919 (XXVII). Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

*The General Assembly,*

*Firmly convinced* that racial discrimination in all its forms and manifestations is a total negation of the

purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and that it militates against human progress, peace and justice,

*Believing* that the continuation of national, regional and international action against racial discrimination in all its forms is a matter of vital importance if the world is to live in peace and justice,

*Noting* that a detailed draft programme for a Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination has been prepared by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities<sup>2</sup> and that it has been submitted to the Commission on Human Rights for urgent consideration at its twenty-ninth session,

1. *Decides* to launch the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to inaugurate the activities thereof on 10 December 1973, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Invites* therefore the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority to the consideration of the draft programme for the Decade and to submit it to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session for final consideration.

*2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972*

## 2920 (XXVII). Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>3</sup>

Recalling the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1706 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 concerning illicit trafficking in foreign labour,

*Noting* that some States have acceded to the Convention concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949),<sup>4</sup> adopted by the International Labour Conference at its thirty-second session,

*Noting with interest* resolution IV of 27 June 1972, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its fifty-seventh session, concerning conditions and equality of treatment of migrant workers,

*Deeply concerned* by the *de facto* discrimination of which foreign workers are the victims in certain countries of Europe and of other continents, despite the efforts made by certain Governments, particularly at the legislative level, to prevent and repress it,

1. *Calls upon* the Governments of the above-mentioned countries to take or supervise the application of measures to put an end to the discriminatory treatment of which migrant workers in their territory are the victims and particularly to ensure the improvement of arrangements for receiving such workers;

2. *Invites* all Governments to ensure respect for the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

<sup>2</sup> A/8805, annex.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX).

<sup>4</sup> International Labour Organisation, *Conventions and Recommendations, 1919-1966* (Geneva, 1966), Convention No. 97, p. 743.

<sup>1</sup> A/8820 and Corr.1.

3. *Recommends* that the Commission on Human Rights should consider the question of the exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking at its next session, as provided in Economic and Social Council resolution 1706 (LIII), as a matter of priority;

4. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to continue the studies it has begun on illicit trafficking in foreign labour, which is a form of exploitation, and to strengthen international machinery for the protection of migrant workers;

5. *Urges* the Governments which have not yet done so to give high priority to the ratification of the Convention of the International Labour Organisation concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949), in the context of their efforts to eliminate illicit trafficking in foreign labour.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

## 2921 (XXVII). Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the third year of its activities,<sup>5</sup> submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>6</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Urgently requests* all States which are not yet parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to ratify or accede to the Convention, if possible by 10 December 1973, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption of the new procedure for the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention, which includes an invitation to States parties to be present at, and take part in, the Committee's discussions when their reports are under consideration, as suggested in paragraphs 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 2783 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

## 2922 (XXVII). Draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2786 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

*Reaffirming* its firm conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity,

*Recognizing* the urgent need to take further effective measures with a view to the suppression and punishment of *apartheid*,

*Reaffirming again* that the conclusion of an international convention on the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid* would be an important contribution to the struggle against *apartheid*, racism, economic exploitation, colonial domination and foreign occupation,

*Noting with satisfaction* the efforts made in order to elaborate an international document on the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid*,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and to States the revised draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*<sup>7</sup> and the amendments thereto<sup>8</sup> for their comments and views;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-ninth session to consider as a priority item the revised draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* and the amendments thereto, and to submit the results of its consideration thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

## 2955 (XXVII). Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights",

*Recalling* resolution 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in which the General Assembly urged the Security Council as well as States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies to take effective steps to ensure the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming* the inalienable right of all peoples under colonial and alien domination to self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and with Assembly resolutions 2649 (XXV) of 30 November 1970 and 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

*Disturbed* at the continued reluctance of the colonial and racist Powers, such as Portugal and South Africa, to recognize and to apply the right to self-determination and independence for the peoples of the Territories under their control,

*Deeply concerned* at the negative attitude of certain Member States to the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General

<sup>5</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8718).

<sup>6</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX).

<sup>7</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/8880, para. 42.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 43.

Assembly on decolonization, racism and self-determination,

*Strongly deploring* the intensification of armed repression and wanton slaughter of peoples under colonial and alien domination and acts of aggression committed by colonialists and alien forces against a number of sovereign States and peoples struggling for their self-determination, which obstruct the full enjoyment of human rights,

*Noting* the urgent need, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, for providing maximum material, humanitarian and moral assistance to the peoples of the liberated areas, colonial territories and territories under alien subjugation,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of all peoples, notably of those mentioned in General Assembly resolution 2787 (XXVI), to self-determination, freedom and independence, as well as the legitimacy of their struggle for liberation from colonial and alien domination and foreign subjugation by all available means consistent with the Charter and the resolutions of the United Nations;

2. *Strongly condemns* all those Governments, particularly the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, which persistently refuse to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other pertinent resolutions;

3. *Strongly condemns* the policies of those States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other Powers which assist Portugal and other racist régimes in Africa and elsewhere in their suppression of peoples' aspirations for, and enjoyment of, human rights;

4. *Decides* to examine concrete ways and means of extending maximum humanitarian and material assistance to the peoples of the liberated areas, colonial territories and territories under alien subjugation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, indicating the present scope and nature of assistance being provided to colonial countries and peoples, as well as those in the liberated areas, from relevant existing voluntary funds and other forms of assistance by relevant organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, regional intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations after consultation with the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, in order to assist in the examination of areas and of ways and means of further promoting humanitarian and material assistance, account being taken of the need for co-ordination;

6. *Invites* the aforementioned organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of paragraph 5 above.

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12 December 1972

## 2956 (XXVII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees concerning his current activities<sup>9</sup> and having heard his statement,<sup>10</sup>

*Commending* the results obtained by the High Commissioner in the accomplishment of his humanitarian task of providing international protection to refugees within his mandate and promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

*Noting with appreciation* the manner in which the High Commissioner has, at the request of the Secretary-General and in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, co-ordinated, or participated in, essential humanitarian actions undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system,

*Recognizing* the importance of voluntary repatriation as a permanent solution to the refugee problem and the useful role that United Nations bodies and non-governmental agencies have been playing in facilitating the rehabilitation of groups of refugees who have voluntarily returned to their countries of origin,

*Considering* the increasing and fruitful co-operation between the High Commissioner and other members of the United Nations system in the field of rural settlement, education and training of refugees, particularly in Africa, which results in better co-ordination of action and greater efficiency,

*Noting with satisfaction* the increasing number of Governments contributing to the High Commissioner's assistance programme and the substantial increase in some of those contributions,

*Commending* the growing number of accessions to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951<sup>11</sup> and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967,<sup>12</sup>

1. *Expresses its deep satisfaction* at the efficient manner in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff continue to accomplish their humanitarian task;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to participate, at the invitation of the Secretary-General, in those humanitarian endeavours of the United Nations for which his Office has particular expertise and experience;

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner to pursue his efforts, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and voluntary agencies, to promote permanent and speedy solutions to the problems of refugees who are his concern through voluntary repatriation, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to provide international protection and assistance to refugees who are his concern, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme;

5. *Urges* Governments to continue to lend their support to the High Commissioner's humanitarian action by:

(a) Facilitating his efforts in the field of international protection;

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712) and Supplement No. 12A (A/8712/Add.1).

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1954th meeting.

<sup>11</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 137.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

(b) Co-operating in the promotion of permanent solutions to refugee problems;

(c) Providing the necessary means to attain the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee.

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## B

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, as mentioned in paragraph 169 of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>13</sup>

1. *Decides* that the Emergency Fund established under General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957 shall henceforth be maintained at its ceiling of \$500,000 by replenishments from the Working Capital and Guarantee Fund and by voluntary contributions made for that purpose;

2. *Authorizes* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to allocate from the Emergency Fund, under the general directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, up to \$1 million annually for emergency situations, it being understood that the amount made available for one single emergency shall not exceed \$500,000 in any one year.

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### 2957 (XXVII). Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>14</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, in which it decided to review, not later than at its twenty-seventh session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1973,

*Recognizing* the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

*Considering* the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection to refugees and in promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

*Noting with appreciation* the effective manner in which the Office of the High Commissioner has been dealing with special emergencies.

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1974;

2. *Decides* to review, not later than at its thirty-second session, the arrangements for the Office of the

High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1978.

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### 2958 (XXVII). Assistance to Sudanese refugees returning from abroad

*The General Assembly,*

*Having heard* the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>15</sup>

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan in the peaceful settlement of the southern Sudan question;

2. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for his efficient role in the co-ordination of relief and resettlement operations of refugees and other displaced persons;

3. *Reaffirms* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1655 (LII) and 1705 (LIII) in which the Council, *inter alia*, urged the organizations associated with the United Nations and all Governments to render the maximum possible assistance to the Government of the Sudan in the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Sudanese refugees coming from abroad and other displaced persons.

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### 2959 (XXVII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council relating to disaster relief, in particular Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,<sup>16</sup> and having heard the introductory statement made by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator before the Third Committee,<sup>17</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the action already taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator since the establishment of his Office,

*Reaffirming* the vital importance, in order to lessen the impact of disasters, of assistance to disaster-prone countries in preventive measures, disaster contingency planning and preparedness,

*Considering* that the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator should continue to explore ways of strengthening and developing national contingency plans and machinery for disaster relief co-ordination at the national level and that, therefore, he should be provided with the means and resources necessary for him to carry out his action in this area of disaster preparedness,

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1954th meeting.

<sup>14</sup> A/8854.

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1959th meeting.*

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712).*

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712) and Supplement No. 12A (A/8712/Add.1)

1. *Decides*, as an interim measure, to authorize the Secretary-General to draw on the Working Capital Fund in the amount of \$25,000 in 1973 for assistance to Governments, at their request, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Red Cross Societies, where appropriate, in the elaboration of national preparations to meet natural disasters;

2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to explore various means, including support through the United Nations Development Programme, of making adequate provision subsequently for this purpose and to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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### 3009 (XXVII). Employment of women in senior and other professional positions by the secretariats of organizations in the United Nations system

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the declarations and instruments adopted by the United Nations acknowledging the equality of status of men and women—*inter alia*, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>18</sup> the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>18</sup> and the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women<sup>19</sup>—and also relevant instruments of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Recalling* its resolution 2715 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which it requested the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly on the composition of the Secretariat data on the employment of women at senior and other professional levels, including their numbers and the positions they occupy,

*Noting with appreciation* that the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session<sup>20</sup> included for the first time some information on the employment of women, showing the number of women and the level at which they were employed in senior and professional positions within the secretariats of organizations in the United Nations system, and that a further report has been submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session<sup>21</sup> which likewise includes data on the employment of women,

*Noting* that, as at 30 June 1972, no women were employed within the United Nations Secretariat at the Under-Secretary-General or Assistant-Secretary-General level, that only three of the total of 59 employed at the D-2 level were women, and that only four of the total of 181 employed at the D-1 level were women,

*Further noting* that in the less senior and professional ranks of the Secretariat the percentage of women is in inverse proportion to the level of the position,

ranging from 6.2 per cent of the staff at the P-5 level to 40.4 per cent at the P-1 level in posts subject to geographical distribution, and from 7.3 per cent at the P-5 level to 39.8 per cent at the P-1 level for the Secretariat as a whole,

*Noting as well* that in all the other organizations in the United Nations common system there are no women at the highest levels, only one woman employed at the D-2 level and only 10 women at the D-1 level,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the recent appointment by the Secretary-General of a woman to the rank of Assistant Secretary-General and hopes that more women will be appointed to positions at high levels of the United Nations Secretariat;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his annual report to the General Assembly on the composition of the Secretariat more comprehensive data on the employment of women in the secretariats of the organizations in the United Nations system, so as to show the nature of posts and types of duties performed by women at the professional and policy-making levels;

3. *Urges once again* the organizations in the United Nations system to take or continue to take appropriate measures, including more extensive publicizing of the right of individuals personally to apply for vacant positions, in order to ensure equal opportunities for the employment of qualified women at the senior and professional levels and in policy-making positions;

4. *Calls upon* Member States, when proposing nationals for appointment to the senior and professional positions in the secretariats of the organizations in the United Nations system, to give full consideration to submitting the candidatures of qualified women for all positions, particularly at the policy-making level.

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18 December 1972

### 3010 (XXVII). International Women's Year

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that twenty-five years have elapsed since the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women was held at Lake Success, New York, from 10 to 24 February 1947, and that this is a period which makes it possible to take stock of the positive results obtained,

*Bearing in mind* the aims and principles of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2263 (XXII) of 7 November 1967,

*Recognizing* the effectiveness of the work done by the Commission on the Status of Women in the twenty-five years since its establishment, and the important contribution which women have made to the social, political, economic and cultural life of their countries,

*Considering* that it is necessary to strengthen universal recognition of the principle of the equality of men and women, *de jure* and *de facto*, and that both legal and social measures have to be taken by Member States which have not yet done so to ensure the implementation of women's rights,

*Recalling* that its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Develop-

<sup>18</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>19</sup> Resolution 2263 (XXII).

<sup>20</sup> A/8483.

<sup>21</sup> A/8831 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

ment Decade, includes among the goals and objectives of the Decade the encouragement of the full integration of women in the total development effort,

*Drawing attention* to the general objectives and minimum targets to be attained in the course of the Second United Nations Development Decade, as defined by the Commission on the Status of Women and adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970,

*Considering* that, with those ends in view, the proclamation of an international women's year would serve to intensify the action required to advance the status of women,

1. *Proclaims* the year 1975 International Women's Year;

2. *Decides* to devote this year to intensified action:

(a) To promote equality between men and women;

(b) To ensure the full integration of women in the total development effort, especially by emphasizing women's responsibility and important role in economic, social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels, particularly during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

(c) To recognize the importance of women's increasing contribution to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States and to the strengthening of world peace;

3. *Invites* all Member States and all interested organizations to take steps to ensure the full realization of the rights of women and their advancement on the basis of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

4. *Invites* Governments that have not yet done so to ratify as soon as possible the Convention concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value, 1951,<sup>22</sup> adopted by the International Labour Conference at its thirty-fourth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations, within the limits of existing resources, a draft programme for the International Women's Year and to submit it to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fifth session in 1974.

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### 3011 (XXVII). Capital punishment

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2393 (XXIII) of 26 November 1968 and 2857 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1656 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

*Noting with interest* that, in implementation of the aforementioned resolutions, additional information on capital punishment has been provided by several Member States,<sup>23</sup>

<sup>22</sup> International Labour Organisation, *Conventions and Recommendations, 1919-1966* (Geneva, 1966), Convention No. 100, p. 795.

<sup>23</sup> ST/SOA/118 and Add.1.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare the report to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fourth session in such a way as to update the reports on capital punishment<sup>24</sup> provided in 1962 and 1967 and to inform the Council of the progress made in collecting the information requested in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 2857 (XXVI);

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider at its fifty-fourth session the present situation and trends with regard to capital punishment.

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### 3012 (XXVII). Assistance in narcotics control

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that assistance to developing countries is a concrete manifestation of the will of the international community to honour the commitment contained in the Charter of the United Nations to promote the social and economic progress of all peoples,

*Recalling* the special arrangements made by the General Assembly under its resolution 1395 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 with a view to the provision of technical assistance in narcotics control,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 2719 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which it welcomed the establishment of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control,

*Further recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1664 (LII) of 1 June 1972, in which the Council urged States, institutions and individuals to contribute to the Fund in any form and according to their capacity,

1. *Welcomes* the fact that the Economic and Social Council expressed satisfaction with the successful result of the United Nations Conference to Consider Amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, particularly that a new article 14 *bis*<sup>25</sup> was adopted concerning technical and financial assistance to promote more effective execution of the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;<sup>26</sup>

2. *Declares* that, to be more effective, the measures to fight drug abuse must be co-ordinated and universal;

3. *Declares further* that the fulfilment by the developing countries of their obligations under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, calls for adequate technical and financial assistance from the international community.

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### 3013 (XXVII). International instruments relating to drug abuse control

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1658 (LII) and 1665 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

<sup>24</sup> *Capital Punishment* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.67.IV.15).

<sup>25</sup> See E/CONF.63/8, p. 10.

<sup>26</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

*Deeply concerned* over the threat to human dignity and to society posed by the flow of illicit drugs,

*Gratified* by the adoption by international conferences of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances<sup>27</sup> and the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>28</sup>

*Convinced* that the Convention on Psychotropic Substances would result in the necessary international regulation of these substances,

*Further convinced* of the importance of the Protocol in strengthening the enforcement provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>29</sup>

*Calls upon* all States, provided they have not already done so, to adhere to:

(a) The Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

(b) The Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

(c) The Convention on Psychotropic Substances.

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### 3014 (XXVII). United Nations programme for drug abuse control

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that drug abuse is a continuing problem in many parts of the world,

*Encouraged* by the growing interest of Governments in dealing with drug abuse,

1. *Welcomes* the expanded operations of the United Nations programme for drug abuse control, and especially the efforts made by the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat in the field of drug abuse control;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the United Nations programme of action based on short-term and long-term policy, as approved by the General Assembly in resolution 2719 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, and affirms the need for more effective and extensive efforts by the United Nations system;

3. *Appeals* consequently to Governments for sustained support and voluntary contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, in any form and according to their capacity;

4. *Invites* the Division of Narcotic Drugs, the specialized agencies and other interested intergovernmental organizations to co-operate fully in the United Nations programme of action;

5. *Further invites* the specialized agencies and other interested intergovernmental organizations to pay special attention, in the formulation of their own programmes relating to the socio-economic consequences of drug abuse, to appropriate means of combating this abuse.

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<sup>27</sup> E/CONF.58/6 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>28</sup> E/CONF.63/8.

<sup>29</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

### 3020 (XXVII). Principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2840 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1691 (LII) of 2 June 1972 concerning the need to formulate principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

*Convinced* that the effective punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity is an important element in preventing such crimes and putting an end to them, as well as ensuring better protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and promoting co-operation between peoples and international peace and security,

1. *Takes note* of the draft principles submitted to the Third Committee at the current session;<sup>30</sup>

2. *Decides* to transmit the above-mentioned draft principles for further elaboration to the Commission on Human Rights, together with the records of the meetings at which the Third Committee debated this item during the current session;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, draft principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity".

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### 3021 (XXVII). Crime prevention and control

*The General Assembly,*

*Gravely concerned* by the increasing seriousness and proportions of the problem of crime in many parts of the world,

*Conscious* of the threat that crime in its various forms presents to economic, social and cultural development and to man's quality of life,

*Bearing in mind* the call of the international community for more effective United Nations action in crime prevention,

*Recalling* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>31</sup> which stipulates that social progress and development shall aim equally at the progressive attainment, *inter alia*, of the main goal of the provision of social defence measures and the elimination of conditions leading to crime and delinquency, especially juvenile delinquency,

<sup>30</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 52, document A/8939, para. 7.

<sup>31</sup> Resolution 2542 (XXIV).



*Reaffirming* Economic and Social Council resolution 1584 (L) of 21 May 1971 on criminality and social change,

*Commending* the establishment of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and the first report of that Committee,<sup>32</sup>

*Recognizing* the right of each State to formulate and implement, in accordance with its own conditions and national requirements, the policies and measures necessary to prevent crime and control delinquency,

*Noting with appreciation* the note by the Secretary-General on crime prevention and control,<sup>33</sup>

1. *Endorses* the conclusions of the Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at Kyoto, Japan, from 17 to 26 August 1970,<sup>34</sup> and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>35</sup> which met after the Congress;

2. *Endorses* in particular the recommendation of the Congress concerning meetings, seminars, training courses and workshops of experts, at regional and international levels, for the exchange of information, knowledge, experience and expertise in the field of crime prevention and control, taking full advantage of the programme of advisory services of the United Nations;

3. *Supports* the recommendations in the Declaration unanimously adopted by the Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which emphasizes, among other things, the need for strengthening international co-operation in crime prevention and control;<sup>36</sup>

4. *Invites* Member States to inform the Secretary-General of the situation concerning crime prevention and control in their own countries and the measures being taken to provide information, not later than the end of 1974, for a final report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

5. *Urges* Governments, organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations concerned to strengthen international co-operation in crime prevention and, in particular, to ensure the availability of effective technical aid to countries desiring such assistance for the formulation and adoption of policies, programmes and measures for the prevention and control of crime and delinquency;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ascertain from Member States their views concerning the advisability of holding an international conference of ministers responsible for social defence or relevant ministers to review problems of crime prevention and control and to identify methods of prevention and control at the international level;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for the preparation of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

<sup>32</sup> E/5191.

<sup>33</sup> A/8844.

<sup>34</sup> *Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.IV.8).

<sup>35</sup> See E/CN.5/457.

<sup>36</sup> The text of the Declaration is contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1584 (L).

8. *Instructs* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the methods and ways likely to be most effective in preventing crime and improving the treatment of offenders, including recommendations on the measures most appropriate in such areas as law enforcement, judicial procedures and correctional practices;

9. *Decides* to consider this question at its twenty-eighth session, taking into account action by the Commission on Social Development and the Economic and Social Council.

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### 3022 (XXVII). Channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969, 2633 (XXV) of 11 November 1970, 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971,

*Welcoming* the increasing and active awareness of young people of their potential contribution to the building of a better society, which requires that they be more fully integrated into the political, economic and social life of their countries,

*Convinced* that youth has an important role to play in promoting the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the objectives of peace, international security and co-operation among nations, social and economic progress and universal respect for human rights,

*Emphasizing* the responsibility of society to educate youth in a spirit of national and international service, as well as the responsibility of youth towards society,

*Noting* that the existing methods of communication and co-operation between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations could be improved in order to meet the needs and aspirations of youth,

*Aware* of the need to increase the role of the United Nations in developing contacts and communications among national and international youth organizations,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Secretary-General's report on channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations;<sup>37</sup>

2. *Endorses* the conclusion expressed in the report that the United Nations should pay particular attention in the future to involving youth in programmes of national development and international co-operation as well as in the activities of the United Nations;

3. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to utilize existing channels of communication with youth and national and international youth organizations and to seek to establish new channels;

4. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General evaluate existing United Nations programmes and projects in order to enable youth to participate fully at appropriate levels of policy formulation and project implementation and evaluation;

5. *Recommends further* that the Secretary-General should take appropriate administrative action, with the

<sup>37</sup> A/8743.

means and personnel available, to co-ordinate activities of the United Nations system in which youth may participate;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* of the recommendations submitted by the Secretary-General in his report;<sup>38</sup>

7. *Approves* the recommendation of the Secretary-General to convene an *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth to advise him on activities that should be undertaken by the United Nations to meet the needs and aspirations of youth, including the following:

(a) Concrete measures for the implementation of the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Assistance to Governments and United Nations organs, especially the regional economic commissions, to prepare systematic programmes and series of projects to increase the involvement of youth in national development and in the promotion of human rights, with particular reference to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;<sup>39</sup>

(c) Exchanges among bodies having special social and scientific knowledge of, and competence in, concerns related to youth, with a view to sharing their experience in matters regarding the needs and aspirations of young people

(d) Elaboration of programmes for seminars and symposia on youth within the framework of the programme of advisory services of the United Nations;

8. *Considers* that the United Nations University<sup>40</sup> will serve as one of the important channels of communication with youth and will provide a free forum for the teaching and for the discussion among young people of subjects relating to international law, human dignity and human rights, and also to the role of youth in promoting economic and social progress, world peace, understanding and co-operation among peoples;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth, with his comments, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session, which is to consider, among other things, the continuation of the Group;

10. *Decides* to re-examine when necessary, but not later than at its thirtieth session, the question of channels of communication with youth and youth organizations;

11. *Decides* to examine at its twenty-eighth session the report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation of youth, to be submitted in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1407 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969.

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### 3023 (XXVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2445 (XXIII) and 2447 (XXIII) of 19 De-

cember 1968, 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969 and 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971, regarding the education of youth in the spirit of the ideals of peace, mutual understanding between peoples and universal respect for human rights,

*Reaffirming* the principles inscribed in the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples,<sup>41</sup> and the importance of their universal implementation,

*Aware* that the education of youth in the spirit of the ideals of peace, mutual understanding between peoples and universal respect for human rights must be accomplished by measures to encourage youth to participate actively in all spheres of social life,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>42</sup> regarding the implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples;

2. *Requests* Member States, the United Nations organs concerned and the specialized agencies to give greater attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration, especially when establishing their policy and programmes regarding youth;

3. *Addresses a solemn appeal* to all States, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to take appropriate action, to foster among youth respect for all peoples, irrespective of nationality, race, sex or religion, regard for human values, and devotion to the ideals of peace, freedom and progress and to the cause of human rights;

4. *Decides* to examine periodically the implementation of the principles of the Declaration on the basis of further reports submitted by the Secretary-General, containing such comments and information as he may receive.

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### 3024 (XXVII). Increased employment and mobility of young people in the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2736 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, in which it expressed the need for special efforts to be made to recruit qualified young men and women for service with the United Nations through the development of more objective selection methods,

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General on channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations,<sup>43</sup>

*Noting* the reference made in the report to the need for action to encourage and assist youth to play a greater role in the analysis and solution of problems affecting all people,<sup>44</sup>

<sup>38</sup> Resolution 2037 (XX).

<sup>42</sup> A/8782 and Add.1-3.

<sup>43</sup> A/8743.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 18.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 35-42.

<sup>40</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>41</sup> See resolution 2951 (XXVII).

*Noting also* the reference made in the report to the need to open up the Organization to young people and to ensure their participation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of United Nations policies and programmes,<sup>45</sup>

*Noting further* the reference made in the report to the fact that only 4.6 per cent of the United Nations professional staff is under 30 years of age,<sup>46</sup>

1. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the guidelines for the recruitment of young staff members to the United Nations Secretariat contained in General Assembly resolution 2736 (XXV) should be fully implemented;<sup>47</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to broaden effectively by all available means the base of employment for qualified youth, with equitable geographical distribution and taking into account the need to secure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, not later than at its thirtieth session, a progress report on the extent of increased employment and mobility of young people in the United Nations, particularly by the opening of specific opportunities whereby communication would best be realized through participation.

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**3025 (XXVII). Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>48</sup>

*Recalling* the recommendation addressed to Member States in its resolution 2788 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in particular its belief that the coming into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocol will greatly enhance the ability of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and will contribute to the attainment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Expresses the hope* that Member States will find it possible to take appropriate action with a view to accelerating the steps that would enable them to deposit their instrument of ratification or accession if possible by 10 December 1973.

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<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 31.

<sup>46</sup> A/8743, annex, para. 51.

<sup>47</sup> A/8743, para. 39 (d).

<sup>48</sup> A/8788.

**3026 (XXVII). Human rights and scientific and technological developments**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that mankind has reached a point where the acceleration of scientific and technological progress may, depending on its use, either be conducive to the enhancement and dissemination of artistic and cultural values, constituting part of the heritage of mankind, or add to the risk of debasing them,

*Conscious* of the irreplaceable character of the cultural environment, which will acquire increasing importance with the progress of economic and social development,

*Fearing* that the world may be impoverished by succumbing to uniformity and monotony in modes of life,

*Considering* that now is the time, before the trend becomes irreversible, for mankind to save the wealth and diversity of its cultures and to secure the best possible conditions for their further development,

1. *Invites* Governments to make provision, as far as possible, in their national development plans and programmes for the preservation and development of cultural values;

2. *Requests* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to communicate to the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, his views on the problem of the preservation and further development of cultural values, on the measures already taken by the international community and on further measures that should be taken;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights to attach to the above problem the importance it requires.

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**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2450 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 and 2721 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 on human rights and scientific and technological developments,

*Recalling* Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 (XXVII) of 18 March 1971,<sup>49</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his preliminary reports on this matter,<sup>50</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the Seminar on Human Rights and Scientific and Technological Developments<sup>51</sup> organized by the Government of Austria and held at Vienna in June 1972, which contributed considerably to the exploration of this subject,

*Reaffirming* the importance of this matter and the need to respond urgently to the demand of world public opinion,

<sup>49</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 4* (E/4949), chap. XIX.

<sup>50</sup> E/CN.4/1028 and Add.1 and 2, Add.3 and Corr.1, Add.4-6; E/CN.4/1084.

<sup>51</sup> ST/TAO/HR/45.

1. *Recognizes* that the scope of the problem mentioned in paragraph 1 (d) of General Assembly resolution 2450 (XXIII) and Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 (XXVII) is of such a comprehensive nature as to cover every aspect of this question;

2. *Recognizes further* the need to make a distinction between this subject-matter and other related matters so as to avoid duplication of work in the United Nations system;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, particularly the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to accelerate and complete preparation of relevant reports on this subject, to be submitted at the earliest possible date, paying more attention to the problems of an equitable and just distribution of incomes, the protection of the right to work and to health, the preparation and retraining of personnel, the raising of standards of living and the educational and cultural level of people in the light of scientific and technological developments;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to proceed with and accelerate its work, making full use of the reports of the Secretary-General, the report of the above-mentioned seminar and of any future seminars on the same subject, and any relevant reports by other institutions, with a view, in particular, to examining the possibility of preparing draft instruments designed to strengthen respect for human rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the light of developments in science and technology;

5. *Decides* to continue consideration of this item at its forthcoming sessions with a view to arriving at conclusions on the item as early as possible.

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### 3027 (XXVII). Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1781 (XVII) of 7 December 1962, 2020 (XX) of 1 November 1965 and 2295 (XXII) of 11 December 1967,

*Affirming* the equal importance of both a declaration and an international convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance,

*Convinced* of the need to give new momentum to this work by initially concentrating on the completion of one of these instruments,

*Noting* that the consideration of this item has been deferred at each session of the General Assembly without proper discussion since the twenty-second session,

1. *Decides* to accord priority to the completion of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance before resuming consideration of the International Convention on this subject;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies:

(a) The preliminary draft of a United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance prepared by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;<sup>52</sup>

(b) The report of the Working Group set up by the Commission on Human Rights at its twentieth session to prepare a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance;<sup>53</sup>

3. *Invites* Governments to transmit to the Secretary-General their observations on the above-mentioned documents;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the observations received, together with an analytical presentation, to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

5. *Decides* to give priority at its twenty-eighth session to the elaboration of a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance with a view to the adoption, if possible, of such a Declaration as part of the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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### 3028 (XXVII). United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the historical concern of the United Nations for the problems of minors, as expressed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,<sup>54</sup>

*Realizing* that children, in particular, suffer the most in national disasters, wars and social disruption,

*Considering* that, owing to both the lack of legislation and the contrasts between the laws of various countries, ever-increasing juridical and legal problems arise which may affect the interests of minors or other persons to be adopted,

*Considering further* the multiple causes which, in our modern world, provoke the massive institutionalization of children, thus depriving millions of children all over the world of the family atmosphere which is indispensable for their development, and emphasizing the very grave consequences, often irreparable, that this implies for their physical, psychological and intellectual development and for their active social integration,

*Mindful* that children constitute the future human resource for each and every nation of the world and must, therefore, be nurtured and protected,

*Regretting* that it has been unable at its current session, owing to the heavy programme of work, to examine the question of a United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law,

*Commending* the World Conference on Adoption and Foster Placement<sup>55</sup> for calling attention to the

<sup>52</sup> A/8330, annex I. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3873)*, para. 294.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3873)*, para. 296.

<sup>54</sup> Resolution 1386 (XIV).

<sup>55</sup> Held at Milan, Italy, from 16 to 19 September 1971.

grave problems relating to adoption and foster placement,

*Requests* the Commission on Social Development at its twenty-third session to consider this question and to make recommendations, within the approved work programme of the Social Development Division, for the preparation of a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, which would include:

(a) Policies, programmes and comparative law concerning the protection of children for adoption and foster placement;

(b) Comments on the question of sponsoring an international conference for the purpose of elaborating an international convention on adoption law.

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### *Other decisions*

#### **Protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict**

##### **(Item 49 (b))**

At its 2107th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>56</sup> decided to include the item entitled "Human rights in armed conflicts: protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict" in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session and to consider it as a matter of high priority.<sup>57</sup>

#### **Freedom of information**

##### **(Item 57)**

At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>58</sup> decided to include the item entitled "Freedom of information" in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session.

<sup>56</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/8917, para. 16.*

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/L.689.

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 57, document A/8943, para. 4.



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**2918 (XXVII). Question of Territories under Portuguese administration**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Territories under Portuguese domination,

*Having examined* the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>1</sup> including in particular the report of the

Special Mission which visited the liberated areas of Guinea (Bissau) in April 1972,<sup>2</sup>

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General concerning the present item,<sup>3</sup>

*Having invited*, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and through it, representatives of the national liberation movements of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique to participate in an observer capacity in its consideration of those Territories, and having heard the statements of Mr. Amílcar Cabral, Secretary-General of the Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chaps. II, III and X.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. X, para. 36.

<sup>3</sup> A/8758 and Add.1.

Verde,<sup>4</sup> and Mr. Marcelino dos Santos, Vice-President of the Frente de Libertação de Moçambique,<sup>5</sup>

*Having heard* the statements of the petitioners,<sup>6</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as all other resolutions relating to the question of Territories under Portuguese administration adopted by the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Special Committee,

*Condemning* the persistent refusal of the Government of Portugal to comply with the relevant provisions of the aforementioned resolutions of the United Nations and, in particular, the continuation by Portuguese military forces of the indiscriminate bombing of civilians, the wholesale destruction of villages and property and the ruthless use of napalm and chemical substances in Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, as well as the continued violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of independent African States neighbouring Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, which seriously disturb international peace and security,

*Condemning* the continued collaboration of Portugal, South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, designed to perpetuate colonialist and racist domination in the region, and the persistent intervention against the peoples of the Territories concerned by police and armed forces, as well as mercenaries from South Africa and Southern Rhodesia,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the concrete programmes of assistance to the national liberation movements of those Territories initiated by several Governments and by organizations within the United Nations system as well as a number of non-governmental organizations,

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress towards national independence and freedom made by the national liberation movements in those Territories, both through their struggle and through reconstruction programmes, particularly in the liberated areas of Guinea (Bissau) by the Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde, the sole and authentic representative of the people of Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique and other Territories under Portuguese domination to self-determination and independence, as recognized by the General Assembly in its resolution 1514 (XV), and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;

2. *Affirms* that the national liberation movements of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique are the authentic representatives of the true aspirations of the peoples of those Territories and recommends that, pending the accession of those Territories to independence, all Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and the United Nations bodies

concerned should, when dealing with matters pertaining to the Territories, ensure the representation of those Territories by the liberation movements concerned in an appropriate capacity and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity;

3. *Deems* it imperative that negotiations should be initiated at an early date between the Government of Portugal and the national liberation movements referred to above with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples with respect to Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, particularly in order to bring about as a matter of priority:

(a) The immediate cessation by Portugal of its colonial wars and all acts of repression against the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, the withdrawal of its military and other forces and the elimination of all practices which violate the inalienable rights of those populations, including the eviction and regrouping of the African populations and the settlement of foreign immigrants in the Territories;

(b) The just treatment of the freedom fighters of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique captured during the struggle for freedom as prisoners of war, in accordance with the principles of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>7</sup> and in compliance with the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949;<sup>8</sup>

4. *Appeals* to all Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to render to the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, in particular the populations in the liberated areas of those Territories, all the moral and material assistance necessary to continue their struggle for the achievement of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

5. *Requests* all Governments, particularly those members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which continue to render assistance to Portugal, to withdraw any assistance that enables Portugal to prosecute the colonial war in Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, and to prevent the sale or supply of weapons, military equipment and material to the Government of Portugal, as well as all supplies, equipment and material for the manufacture or maintenance of weapons and ammunition that it uses to perpetuate its colonial domination in Africa;

6. *Calls upon* all States to take forthwith all possible measures to put an end to any activities that help to exploit the Territories under Portuguese domination and the peoples therein and to discourage their nationals and bodies corporate under their jurisdiction from entering into any transactions or arrangements that contribute to Portugal's domination over those Territories and impede the implementation of the Declaration with respect to them;

7. *Recommends* that, in the event of the non-compliance by the Government of Portugal with the pro-

<sup>4</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 1986th meeting.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, 1987th meeting.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, 1980th and 1992nd meetings.

<sup>7</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 972, p. 135.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, No. 973, p. 287.



visions of paragraph 3 above, the Security Council should urgently consider taking all effective steps with a view to securing the full and speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and of the related decisions of the Council;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, in particular to provide such assistance as may be necessary with respect to the negotiations referred to in paragraph 3 above, and to report thereon, as appropriate, to the General Assembly and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

9. *Commends* the Special Committee for the work it has accomplished during the year, particularly through the dispatch of the Special Mission to Guinea (Bissau), and requests it to continue to seek the best ways and means of effectively assisting in the achievement by the peoples of the Territories under Portuguese domination of the goals set forth in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Charter of the United Nations.

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14 November 1972

## 2945 (XXVII). Question of Southern Rhodesia

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe),

*Having examined* the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>9</sup>

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on this item,<sup>10</sup>

*Having invited*, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and through it, representatives of the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe to participate in an observer capacity in its consideration of the situation in the Territory, and having heard the statements of the representatives of the Zimbabwe African People's Union and the Zimbabwe African National Union,<sup>11</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of a petitioner,<sup>12</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as all other resolutions relating to the question of Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) adopted by the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Special Committee,

<sup>9</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chaps. II, III and VIII.

<sup>10</sup> A/8759 and Add.1.

<sup>11</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 1988th meeting.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., 1990th meeting.

*Reaffirming* the inalienable right of the people of Zimbabwe to self-determination and independence in accordance with resolution 1514 (XV) and the legitimacy of their struggle to secure the enjoyment of their rights, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in conformity with the objectives of resolution 1514 (XV),

*Bearing in mind* that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, has the primary responsibility for putting an end to the illegal racist minority régime and for transferring effective power to the people of Zimbabwe on the basis of the principle of majority rule,

*Noting with satisfaction* the rejection by the African population of Zimbabwe of the "proposals for a settlement" agreed upon between the Government of the United Kingdom and the illegal régime,<sup>13</sup> and mindful that those "proposals for a settlement" had been negotiated without consulting the genuine political leaders of the African population of Zimbabwe,

*Reaffirming* that any attempt to negotiate the future of Zimbabwe with the illegal régime on the basis of independence before majority rule would be in contravention of the inalienable rights of the people of that Territory and contrary to the provisions of the Charter and of resolution 1514 (XV),

*Deeply deploring* the arbitrary and unlawful imprisonment and detention of, and the denial of fundamental human rights to, political leaders and other individuals of Zimbabwe by the illegal racist minority régime,

*Deploing* the persistent refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom to co-operate with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly,

*Deeply disturbed* by the continued presence and intervention of South African forces in the Territory, which assists the racist minority régime and seriously threatens the sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighbouring African States,

*Mindful* of the conditions necessary to enable the people of Zimbabwe to exercise freely and fully their right to self-determination and independence,

1. *Reaffirms* the principle that there should be no independence before majority rule in Zimbabwe, and affirms that any settlement relating to the future of the Territory must be worked out with the full participation of the genuine political leaders representing the majority of the people of Zimbabwe and must be endorsed freely and fully by the people;

2. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland not to transfer or accord, under any circumstance, to the illegal régime any of the powers or attributes of sovereignty, and requests that Government to ensure the country's attainment of independence by a democratic system of government in accordance with the true aspirations of the majority of the population;

<sup>13</sup> See Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1971, document S/10405.

3. *Urges* the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, to convene as soon as possible a national constitutional conference where the genuine political representatives of the people of Zimbabwe would be able to work out a settlement relating to the future of the Territory for subsequent endorsement by the people through free and democratic processes;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom to bring about the conditions necessary to enable the people of Zimbabwe to exercise freely and fully their right to self-determination and independence, including:

(a) The unconditional release of all political prisoners, detainees and restrictees;

(b) The repeal of all repressive discriminatory legislation;

(c) The removal of all restrictions on political activity and the establishment of full democratic freedom and equality of political rights;

5. *Condemns* the continued presence and intervention of South African forces in the Territory in violation of the decisions of the Security Council and calls upon the administering Power to effect the immediate expulsion of all such forces from the Territory;

6. *Further calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom to ensure that, in any exercise to ascertain the wishes and aspirations of the people of Zimbabwe as to their political future, the procedure to be followed should be in accordance with the principle of universal adult suffrage and by secret ballot on the basis of one-man one-vote, without regard to race, colour or educational, property or income considerations;

7. *Requests* all Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to extend all moral and material assistance to the people of Zimbabwe;

8. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom to comply with the provisions of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to keep the situation in the Territory under review.

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7 December 1972

## 2946 (XXVII). Question of Southern Rhodesia

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe),

*Gravely disturbed* by the further deterioration of the situation in Zimbabwe, which the Security Council, in its resolution 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970, reaffirmed as constituting a threat to international peace and security,

*Deploing* the fact that measures taken so far have failed to bring the rebellion in Zimbabwe to an end, owing primarily to the continued and increasing collaboration which certain States, in particular Portugal and South Africa, in violation of Article 25 of the

Charter of the United Nations and of the relevant decisions of the United Nations, maintain with the illegal régime, thereby seriously impeding the effective application of sanctions against the illegal régime,

*Gravely concerned* that, despite the appeals addressed to the Government of the United States of America in General Assembly resolution 2765 (XXVI) of 16 November 1971, that Government continues to permit the importation of chrome and nickel into the United States from Southern Rhodesia, in violation of the relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970, 288 (1970) of 17 November 1970 and 314 (1972) of 28 February 1972,

*Reaffirming its conviction* that the sanctions will not put an end to the illegal racist minority régime unless they are comprehensive, mandatory, effectively supervised, enforced and complied with, particularly by Portugal and South Africa,

1. *Deeply deplores* the continued refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take effective measures, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the United Nations, to put an end to the illegal racist minority régime in Zimbabwe, and calls upon that Government to take forthwith all effective measures to bring down the rebellious minority régime;

2. *Strongly condemns* the policies of the Governments, particularly those of Portugal and South Africa, which, in violation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and contrary to their specific obligations under Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations, continue to collaborate with the illegal racist minority régime in its racist and repressive domination of the people of Zimbabwe, and calls upon those Governments to cease forthwith all such collaboration;

3. *Condemns* all violations of, as well as the failure of certain States to enforce strictly, the mandatory sanctions imposed by the Security Council, as being contrary to the obligations assumed by them under Article 25 of the Charter;

4. *Condemns* the continued importation by the Government of the United States of America of chrome and nickel from Zimbabwe in open contravention of the provisions of Security Council resolutions 253 (1968), 277 (1970), 288 (1970) and 314 (1972) and contrary to the specific obligations assumed by that Government under Article 25 of the Charter, and calls upon the United States Government to desist forthwith from further violations of the sanctions and to observe faithfully and without exception the provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions;

5. *Requests* all Governments which so far have not done so to take more stringent enforcement measures to ensure strict compliance by all individuals and bodies corporate under their jurisdiction with the sanctions imposed by the Security Council, and urges all Governments to refrain from taking any action which might confer a semblance of legitimacy on the illegal racist minority régime;

6. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council, in view of the further deterioration of the situation resulting from the intensified repressive measures taken by the illegal racist minority régime against the people of Zimbabwe, to the urgent need to widen the scope of sanctions against the illegal régime to include all

the measures envisaged under Article 41 of the Charter and, having regard to their persistent refusal to carry out the mandatory decisions of the Council, to the need, as a matter of priority, to consider imposing sanctions against Portugal and South Africa;

7. *Invites* all Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, the United Nations bodies concerned and non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization to take steps, as appropriate, to give widespread and continuous publicity through all the media at their disposal to the work of the United Nations, with particular reference to the application of sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, and requests the Secretary-General, having regard to the mandate entrusted to him in General Assembly resolution 2909 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972, to take concrete measures in this connexion, including the preparation and publication of a special issue of the periodical *Objective: Justice* devoted to the efforts of the Organization in this regard.

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7 December 1972

## 2977 (XXVII). Papua New Guinea

### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions concerning Papua New Guinea, in particular resolution 2865 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period 19 June 1971 to 16 June 1972,<sup>14</sup> the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples<sup>15</sup> and the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to observe the elections to the Papua New Guinea House of Assembly in 1972,<sup>16</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of the representative of the administering Power,<sup>17</sup>

*Taking into account* the conclusions and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee regarding developments in Papua New Guinea,

*Noting* that the elections to the Third House of Assembly in 1972 led to the establishment of a National Coalition Government and that in September 1972, on the motion of the Government, the House of Assembly decided that full self-government for Papua New Guinea should be attained by 1 December 1973 or as soon as possible thereafter, and bearing in mind that the Government of Australia has accepted this timing,

*Noting* that a Constitutional Planning Committee, composed of members of the Papua New Guinea House of Assembly, has been established to make recommendations concerning Papua New Guinea's future constitution,

*Noting further with satisfaction* that final responsibility in many areas of government has already been transferred to the Government of Papua New Guinea and that arrangements have been made for the transfer of additional powers in the interim before full self-government is attained,

*Bearing in mind* that the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia have agreed that, while foreign affairs and defence will remain the responsibility of Australia until independence, the Government of Papua New Guinea will, until that time, be fully involved in these matters,

*Recalling* the affirmation by the Government of Australia, as the administering Power, that the interval between the attainment of full self-government and of independence will be determined by the then Government of Papua New Guinea,

*Mindful* of the responsibility of the United Nations to render all help to the people of Papua New Guinea in their efforts freely to decide their own future,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Papua New Guinea to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and the Trusteeship Agreement of 13 December 1946;

2. *Welcomes* the establishment of a time-table for the attainment of full self-government by Papua New Guinea and calls upon the administering Power to prepare, in consultation with the Government of Papua New Guinea, a further time-table for independence;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring that the unity of Papua New Guinea is preserved throughout the period leading to independence;

4. *Deems it essential* to continue accelerated localization in both the public and private sectors;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of continuing an intensive programme of political education in Papua New Guinea;

6. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring the preservation of the cultural heritage of the people of Papua New Guinea;

7. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to assist in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of Papua New Guinea;

8. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue to include non-members of the Trusteeship Council in its periodic visiting missions on the basis recommended in General Assembly resolution 2590 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969;

9. *Requests* the administering Power to report to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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<sup>14</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/8704).*

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chaps. IV and XX.

<sup>16</sup> *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1739).*

<sup>17</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 2002nd meeting.*

**2978 (XXVII). Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling also* its resolution 2870 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, in which it requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with the procedures approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 2109 (XX) of 21 December 1965,

*Recalling further* the provisions of paragraph 5 of resolution 2870 (XXVI), in which it requested the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned,

*Having examined* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee dealing with the transmittal of information under Article 73 e of the Charter and the action taken by it in respect of that information,<sup>18</sup>

*Having also examined* the report of the Secretary-General on this item,<sup>19</sup>

*Noting* the communication dated 18 September 1972 from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Secretary-General concerning the Territory of Brunei,<sup>20</sup>

1. *Approves* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Deeply deplores* that, despite the repeated recommendations of the General Assembly and the Special Committee, some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories have ceased to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter, have transmitted insufficient information or have transmitted information too late;

3. *Strongly condemns* the Government of Portugal for its continued refusal to recognize the colonial status of the Territories under its domination and to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter on those Territories, in complete disregard of the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee;

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chap. XXVII.

<sup>19</sup> A/8821 and Add.1-3.

<sup>20</sup> A/8827.

4. *Reaffirms* that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

5. *Requests* the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned;

6. *Reiterates* its request that the administering Powers concerned transmit such information as early as possible and, at the latest, within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in the Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and, as regards Brunei, to submit appropriate recommendations for a decision by the Assembly under paragraph 4 above and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly.

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**2979 (XXVII). Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa",

*Having examined* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to this question,<sup>21</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as all other resolutions adopted by it on the item,

<sup>21</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chap. V.*

*Reaffirming* that the administering Powers, in accordance with Chapters XI and XII of the Charter of the United Nations, have the obligation to ensure the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territories under their administration and to protect the human and natural resources of those Territories against abuses,

*Reiterating its conviction* that any economic or other activity which impedes the implementation of the Declaration and obstructs efforts aimed at the elimination of colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa and other colonial Territories violates the political, economic and social rights and interests of the peoples of the Territories and is therefore incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

*Deeply disturbed* by the increasingly intensified activities of those foreign economic, financial and other interests in the Territories which, contrary to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, assist the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, as well as the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, and impede the realization by the peoples of the Territories of their legitimate aspirations for self-determination and independence,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of dependent Territories to self-determination and independence and to the enjoyment of the natural resources of their Territories, as well as their right to dispose of those resources in their best interests;

2. *Reaffirms* that the activities of foreign economic, financial and other interests operating at present in the colonial Territories of Southern Rhodesia and Namibia, as well as in those under Portuguese domination, constitute a major obstacle to political independence and to the enjoyment of the natural resources of those Territories by the indigenous inhabitants;

3. *Approves* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to this question;

4. *Declares once again* that any administering Power, by depriving the colonial peoples of the exercise of their rights or by subordinating them to foreign economic and financial interests, violates the obligations it has assumed under Chapters XI and XII of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Condemns* the policies of the colonial Powers and other States which continue to support those foreign economic and other interests engaged in exploiting the natural and human resources of the Territories without regard to the welfare of the indigenous peoples, thus violating the political, economic and social rights and interests of the indigenous peoples and obstructing the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration in respect of those Territories;

6. *Strongly condemns* the continuation of the construction of the Cabora Bassa project in Mozambique and the Cunene River Basin project in Angola, which are designed further to entrench colonialist and racist domination over the Territories in Africa and are a source of international tension;

7. *Condemns* the policies of those Governments which have not yet prevented their nationals and bodies corporate under their jurisdiction from participating in the Cabora Bassa and Cunene River Basin projects, and urgently requests the Governments concerned to take all the necessary measures to terminate this par-

ticipation and to have them withdraw immediately from all activities related to the projects;

8. *Calls upon* the colonial Powers and States concerned to take legislative, administrative and other measures in respect of their nationals who own and operate enterprises in colonial Territories, particularly in Africa, which are detrimental to the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories, in order to put an end to such enterprises and to prevent new investments that run counter to the interests of the inhabitants;

9. *Requests* all States to take effective measures to end the supply of funds and other forms of assistance, including military supplies and equipment, to those régimes which use such assistance to repress the peoples of the colonial Territories and their national liberation movements;

10. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to abolish every discriminatory and unjust wage system which prevails in the Territories under their administration and to apply in each Territory a uniform system of wages to all the inhabitants without any discrimination;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the widest possible publicity to the adverse effects of the activities of foreign economic and other interests in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia, the Territories under Portuguese domination and all other colonial Territories, as well as to the decisions of the Special Committee and the General Assembly on this question;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to study this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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## **2980 (XXVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, as well as all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

*Taking into account with appreciation* the reports submitted on the item by the Secretary-General,<sup>22</sup> the Economic and Social Council<sup>23</sup> and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>24</sup>

<sup>22</sup> A/8647 and Add.1 and 2, A/8862.

<sup>23</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703)*, chap. XVI.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chap. VII.

*Bearing in mind* the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Mission of the Special Committee which visited the liberated areas of Guinea (Bissau) in April 1972,<sup>25</sup>

*Mindful* of the views and suggestions put forward by the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements concerned during the meetings of the Security Council<sup>26</sup> and the Special Committee<sup>27</sup> held in Africa in 1972, in particular their request for assistance from the specialized agencies and other international institutions,

*Conscious* of the urgent and pressing need of the peoples in all colonial Territories, particularly of the national liberation movements and the populations in the liberated areas of some of those Territories, for assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, especially in the fields of education, training, health and nutrition,

*Having invited*, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and through it, representatives of the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories in Africa to participate in an observer capacity in its consideration of the Territories concerned, and having heard the statements of the leaders of those liberation movements relating, in particular, to the reconstruction programmes being undertaken by their organizations in the liberated areas of the Territories,

*Recognizing* the urgent need for further and more effective measures for the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Special Committee by all the organizations of the United Nations system within their respective spheres of competence,

*Noting with growing concern* that, while several of the specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system have provided considerable assistance to refugees from the colonial Territories in Africa, many of them have not extended their full co-operation to the United Nations in the implementation of the relevant resolutions relating to providing assistance to the national liberation movements and discontinuing all collaboration with the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, as well as the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

*Noting with appreciation* that some of the organizations have taken or are taking steps to formulate, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, concrete programmes for providing assistance, within their spheres of competence, to the peoples of the colonial Territories in Africa striving to liberate themselves from colonial domination,

*Taking into account* the views expressed by the Organization of African Unity on the question of procedures for the participation of representatives of the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories in Africa in conferences, seminars and other regional meetings convened by the specialized agencies,

*Mindful* of the necessity to keep under continuous review the activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in the implementation of the various United Nations decisions relating to decolonization,

1. *Approves* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the item;<sup>28</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories, including especially the liberated areas of those Territories;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to those other specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have been co-operating in varying degrees with the United Nations in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Reiterates* its urgent appeal to all specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and to all States to render, as a matter of urgency, all possible moral and material assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule, to initiate or broaden contacts and co-operation with them in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and, in particular, to work out and implement, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity and, through it, of the national liberation movements, concrete programmes for such assistance to the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde, Mozambique, Southern Rhodesia and Namibia, including in particular the peoples in the liberated areas of those Territories and their national liberation movements;

5. *Reiterates* its urgent request that the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, including in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, should take measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to increase the scope of their assistance to refugees from colonial Territories, including assistance to the Governments concerned in the preparation and execution of projects beneficial to those refugees, and in that connexion to introduce the greatest possible measure of flexibility in their relevant procedures;

6. *Urges once again* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical and other assistance from the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, and to discontinue all collaboration with them until they renounce their policies of racial discrimination and colonial oppression;

7. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to ensure the representation of the colonial Territories in

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. X, para. 36.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year*, 1627th to 1639th meetings.

<sup>27</sup> See A/AC.109/SR.847 to 870.

<sup>28</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1)*, chap. VII.



Africa by the national liberation movements concerned, in an appropriate capacity, when dealing with matters pertaining to those Territories;

8. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and in that connexion should accord priority to the question of providing assistance, on an emergency basis, to peoples in the colonial Territories and to their national liberation movements;

9. *Recommends* that the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to facilitating the implementation of paragraph 8 above, should request their executive heads to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs, as a matter of priority and with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, concrete proposals for specific programmes of all possible assistance to the peoples in colonial Territories and their national liberation movements, together with a comprehensive analysis of the problems, if any, confronted by these agencies and organizations;

10. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare for submission to the relevant bodies concerned with related aspects of the present item, with the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, a report on the action taken since the circulation of his previous report in implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, including the present resolution;

(b) To continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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## 2981 (XXVII). United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2349 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, whereby it established an integrated educational and training programme for Namibians, South Africans, Southern Rhodesians and persons from Territories under Portuguese administration,

*Recalling* its decision, contained in paragraph 7 of resolution 2349 (XXII), that the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa

should be financed from a trust fund made up of voluntary contributions.

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Programme for 1971/72,<sup>29</sup>

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the increase in contributions during the period under review and the corresponding increase in assistance, in the form of individual awards, to persons from the Territories concerned to further their education,

*Recognizing*, however, that the funds made available have thereby been expended to provide such assistance and that additional funds are required if the Programme is to continue in operation,

*Expressing its firm conviction* that the provision of assistance for the education and training of persons from the Territories concerned is as essential as ever and should not only continue, but also be expanded,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to all those who have made voluntary contributions to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

2. *Once again urgently appeals* to all States, organizations and individuals to make generous contributions to the Programme so that it might not only continue in operation, but also be strengthened and expanded;

3. *Decides* that, as a further transitional measure, provision shall be made, under the regular budget of the United Nations for the financial year 1973, for an amount of \$100,000 to ensure continuity of the Programme pending the receipt of adequate voluntary contributions;

4. *Takes note with approval* of the further efforts made to strengthen co-operation between the Programme and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the specialized agencies, the Organization of African Unity and other agencies assisting persons from southern Africa, and hopes that these efforts will be continued with a view to the co-ordination of their activities in the field of education and training for persons from the Territories concerned;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and to the members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa, established in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2431 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, for the work they have accomplished during the period under review in connexion with the Programme;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the activity and progress of the Programme.

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## 2982 (XXVII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2876 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,<sup>30</sup>

<sup>29</sup> A/8850 and Add.1.

<sup>30</sup> A/8855.

prepared under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

*Bearing in mind* the need to provide increased educational and training facilities, at all levels, for the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have made scholarships available to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;
3. *Invites* all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;
4. *Requests* those States offering scholarships to inform the Secretary-General of the details of the offers made under this programme and, whenever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;
5. *Requests* the administering Powers concerned to intensify widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution;
7. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution.

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## 2983 (XXVII). Question of Spanish Sahara

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory of Spanish Sahara,<sup>31</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling also* the relevant provisions of its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970 containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Taking into consideration* the relevant resolutions adopted by the Ninth Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Rabat, Morocco, from 12 to 15 June 1972, and by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Georgetown, Guyana, from 8 to 12 August 1972,

*Having regard* to the decision of the Heads of State of the countries concerned, adopted at the Conference held at Nouadhibou, Mauritania, on 14 September 1970, to intensify their co-operation in a positive manner in order to hasten the liberation of so-called Spanish Sahara,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 2072 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2229 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2354 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2428 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2591 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 and 2711 (XXV) of 14 December 1970,

*Deploing* that the administering Power has not provided sufficiently clear information on the conditions and time-table it intends to apply in bringing about the complete decolonization of the Territory,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Sahara to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Reaffirms* the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples and its solidarity with, and support for, the people of the Sahara in the struggle they are waging in order to exercise their right to self-determination and independence, and requests all States to give them all necessary moral and material assistance in that struggle;

3. *Declares* that the continued existence of a colonial situation in the Territory is endangering stability and harmony in north-west Africa;

4. *Expresses* its support for, and solidarity with, the people of the Sahara, and calls upon the Government of Spain, in conformity with its obligations and its responsibility as the administering Power, to take effective measures to create the necessary conditions for the free exercise of their right to self-determination and independence;

5. *Repeats* its invitation to the administering Power to determine, in consultation with the Governments of Mauritania and Morocco and any other interested party, the procedures for the holding of a referendum under United Nations auspices to enable the indigenous population of the Sahara to exercise freely its right to self-determination and independence and, to this end, invites the Government of Spain:

(a) To create a favourable political climate for the referendum to be conducted on an entirely free, democratic and impartial basis by permitting, *inter alia*, the return of political exiles to the Territory;

(b) To take all the necessary steps to ensure that only the indigenous inhabitants exercise their right to self-determination and independence, with a view to the decolonization of the Territory;

(c) To receive a United Nations mission and provide it with all the necessary facilities so that it can participate actively in the implementation of measures making it possible to put an end to the colonial situation in the Territory;

6. *Invites* all States to comply with the resolutions of the General Assembly on the activities of foreign economic and financial interests and to refrain from helping to perpetuate the colonial situation in the Territory by means of investments;

7. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of the United Nations in all consultations intended to lead to the free expression of the wishes of the people;

8. *Urges* the administering Power to respect and to implement scrupulously, under the auspices and guarantee of the United Nations, the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly relating to the decolonization of so-called Spanish Sahara;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the administering Power and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementa-

<sup>31</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chap. XII.



tion of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, to appoint immediately the special mission provided for in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2229 (XXI) and to expedite its dispatch to the Sahara in order to recommend practical steps for the full implementation of the relevant resolutions, and, in particular, to confirm United Nations participation in the preparation and supervision of the referendum and to submit a report to the Secretary-General for transmission to the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

10. *Calls upon* the Special Committee to continue its consideration of the situation in the Territory and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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**2984 (XXVII). Question of American Samoa, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of American Samoa, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands,

*Having examined* the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>32</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions relating to those Territories, in particular resolution 2869 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Deploring* the intransigent attitude of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France, in contravention of the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and their persistence in refusing to co-operate with the Special Committee in its examination of the Territories under their administration,

*Deeply deploring* the policy of those administering Powers which continue to maintain military bases in some of the Territories under their administration, in contravention of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

*Deeply deploring also* the attitude of those administering Powers which continue to refuse to allow United Nations missions to visit the Territories under their administration,

*Bearing in mind* in particular the positive results achieved as a consequence of the visits by United Nations missions to other colonial Territories and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of visiting missions to the above-mentioned Territories is indispensable for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to political, economic and social conditions in the Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein,

*Deeply concerned* about the adverse effects of continued nuclear atmospheric testing in the South Pacific on the life, welfare and environment of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories situated therein, and affirming that those peoples have the right to be free of the hazards to their lives, welfare and environment caused by such tests,

*Mindful* that the Territories listed above require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Aware* of the special circumstances of the geographical location and the economic conditions of those Territories,

1. *Approves* the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territories listed above;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Calls upon* the administering Powers concerned to take all the necessary steps, without further delay, to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the Territories and, in that regard, to establish, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, a specific time-table for the free exercise by the peoples of those Territories of their right to self-determination and independence;

4. *Reaffirms its conviction* that the questions of territorial size, geographical isolation and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories concerned;

5. *Strongly deprecates* any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and territorial integrity of colonial Territories and the establishment of military bases and installations in those Territories, as being incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

6. *Once again calls upon* the administering Powers concerned to reconsider their attitude towards the receiving of United Nations visiting missions to the above-mentioned Territories and to permit access by such missions to Territories under their administration;

7. *Calls upon* the administering Powers concerned to participate in the relevant proceedings of the Special Committee relating to the Territories under their administration and, in particular, to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. XI, XV, XVII, XVIII and XX to XXIII.

8. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to assist in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of those Territories;

9. *Calls upon* the administering Power concerned, in view of its responsibility towards the welfare of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the region, to discontinue any further nuclear atmospheric testing in the South Pacific area, in order not to endanger the life and environment of the peoples of the Territories concerned;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General, having regard to the mandate entrusted to him in General Assembly resolution 2909 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972, to pay particular regard to the need to intensify widespread dissemination of information on the process of decolonization in respect of the Territories listed above;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to give full consideration to this question, including in particular the dispatch of visiting missions to those Territories, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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14 December 1972*

## 2985 (XXVII). Question of the Seychelles

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of the Seychelles,

*Having considered* the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>33</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling also* its resolution 2866 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 concerning the question,

*Reaffirming* that the Seychelles should accede to independence without any prejudice to their territorial integrity,

*Expressing its deep regret* that it has not been possible to send a special mission of the United Nations to the Territory, as envisaged under resolution 2866 (XXVI),

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Seychelles to self-determination and independence in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to take all necessary measures to enable the people to exercise that right without further delay;

2. *Requests* the administering Power, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to receive the special mission of the United Nations envisaged under resolution 2866 (XXVI) and to make the necessary arrangements, in consultation with the special mission, for the holding of a referendum on the future status of the Territory;

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. IV, VI and XI.

3. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue its examination of the question, including in particular the dispatch of the special mission referred to above, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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## 2986 (XXVII). Question of Niue and the Tokelau Islands

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Niue and the Tokelau Islands,

*Noting* that, at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, the administering Power, a United Nations mission visited Niue in June 1972,

*Having examined* the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>34</sup> including in particular the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Niue, 1972,<sup>35</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling* its resolution 2868 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Having heard* the statements of the representative of the administering Power,<sup>36</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that, following the visit of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Niue, the Select Committee on Constitutional Development, established by the Niue Island Legislative Assembly, concluded popular consultations on measures for the further constitutional advancement of the Territory of Niue, including the establishment of a time-table for the attainment of self-government,

*Stressing* the special responsibility of the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, to continue to assist the peoples of Niue and the Tokelau Islands freely to decide their own future,

*Mindful* that Niue and the Tokelau Islands require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of colonial peoples to self-determination and independence in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Approves* the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Commends* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Niue, 1972, to the Government of

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. IV and XVI.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XVI, annex I.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 2005th meeting; A/C.4/757.

New Zealand, as the administering Power, and to the Niue Island Legislative Assembly for consideration;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* of the co-operation extended to the United Nations by the Government of New Zealand in connexion with its special study of the question of Niue and the Tokelau Islands;

5. *Takes note* of the decision of the Niue Island Legislative Assembly concerning the future status of the Territory;

6. *Expresses the hope* that the forthcoming constitutional talks between the administering Power and the representatives of the people of Niue will result in an early realization of the aspirations of the Niuean people regarding their future status in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

7. *Requests* the administering Power to continue its assistance to the Territories in order to promote their economic, social and educational development and, in that connexion, to avail itself of assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as from competent regional and intergovernmental organizations;

8. *Requests* the administering Power to take the necessary measures to intensify programmes of political education as well as to preserve the cultural heritage of the people of these Territories;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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14 December 1972*

#### **2987 (XXVII). Question of Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent,

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling further* its previous resolutions relating to the question, in particular resolutions 2593 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 and 2867 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

*Having examined* the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>37</sup>

*Reaffirming* the inalienable right of the peoples of Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent to achieve independence in conformity with the provisions of resolution 1514 (XV),

1. *Takes note* of the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to give consideration to this question in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

*2110th plenary meeting  
14 December 1972*

#### **3030 (XXVII). United Nations Fund for Namibia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, by which the United Nations decided to terminate the Mandate of South Africa over Namibia and assume direct responsibility for the Territory until its independence,

*Reaffirming* its resolve to discharge that responsibility in regard to the Territory,

*Mindful* that, by assuming direct responsibility for Namibia, the United Nations incurred a solemn obligation to assist and prepare the people of the Territory for self-determination and independence,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 2679 (XXV) of 9 December 1970 and 2872 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 concerning the establishment of the United Nations Fund for Namibia for the purpose of putting into effect a comprehensive programme of assistance to Namibians, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session,<sup>38</sup>

*Recognizing* that South Africa's continued illegal occupation of Namibia at present prevents the United Nations from furnishing needed, large-scale assistance within the Territory,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the operation of the Fund during 1972,<sup>39</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that the scope of the programme, as well as its financing and administrative machinery, will be subject to review by the General Assembly when South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia is terminated,

*Noting* that the Secretary-General, owing to lack of funds, has not been able to carry out the programme in all its parts as envisaged in his report submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session in accordance with its resolution 2679 (XXV),

*Noting further* that the Secretary-General has, for the above-mentioned reasons, found it necessary, *inter alia*, to defer implementation of the preparation and investigation of the long-term measures described in paragraph 108 of his report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session,

*Recognizing* the importance of undertaking a detailed investigation of the human and natural resources of Namibia, with a view to preparing proposals for a co-ordinated plan of international economic and technical assistance, including manpower training, to be

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chap. XXIV.

<sup>38</sup> A/8473.

<sup>39</sup> A/8841 and Corr.1.

implemented in Namibia after the withdrawal of South Africa from the Territory,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the operation of the United Nations Fund for Namibia during 1972 and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. *Decides*, as a transitional measure, to allocate to the Fund the sum of \$100,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1973;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to continue to appeal to Governments for voluntary contributions to the Fund;

4. *Invites* Governments to appeal once more to their national organizations and institutions for voluntary financial contributions to the Fund;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to implement the long-term measures and studies outlined in his report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session as soon as the necessary funds become available;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to implement the arrangements for the administration and supervision of the Fund, with the advice of the United Nations Council for Namibia and of the *Ad Hoc* Subcommittee on Namibia;<sup>40</sup>

7. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to render all necessary assistance to the Secretary-General in carrying out the tasks assigned to him under the present resolution;

8. *Decides*, pending the entry into full operation of the comprehensive programme, that Namibians shall continue to be eligible for assistance through the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2114th plenary meeting  
18 December 1972

### 3031 (XXVII). Question of Namibia

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Namibia,

*Having examined* the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia,<sup>41</sup>

*Having examined* the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the question of Namibia,<sup>42</sup>

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General concerning the enlargement of the United Nations Council for Namibia,<sup>43</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the courageous and manifest will of the Namibian people to achieve freedom and independence as a single unified entity,

*Having invited*, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and through it, representatives of the national liberation movement of Namibia, the South West Africa People's Organization, to participate in an observer capacity in its consideration of the Territory, and having heard the statement of the representative of the national liberation movement,<sup>44</sup>

*Having heard* the statements of the petitioners,<sup>45</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and subsequent resolutions relating to the question of Namibia, as well as the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

*Recalling further* the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 21 June 1971,<sup>46</sup> delivered in response to the request addressed to it by the Security Council in its resolution 284 (1970) of 29 July 1970,

*Bearing in mind* the direct responsibilities of the United Nations with regard to the Territory of Namibia and its people,

*Deeply deploring* the continued illegal occupation of the international Territory of Namibia by South Africa, in defiance of resolution 2145 (XXI) and in flagrant violation of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

*Deeply concerned* at the efforts of South Africa to consolidate and perpetuate its occupation of the Territory by repressive means, including the extension to Namibia of its policies of *apartheid* and the further creation of so-called "homelands" against the wishes of the majority of the inhabitants,

*Deploing* the use of the Territory of Namibia by South Africa as a base for taking actions which violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of independent African States,

*Affirming* that the basic condition for the fulfilment of the responsibility of the United Nations towards Namibia is the removal of South Africa's presence from the Territory,

*Mindful* of the obligations of all Member States under Article 25 of the Charter,

*Expressing its satisfaction* at the success of the Namibia International Conference, held under the auspices of the South West Africa People's Organization in May 1972, and commending the declaration and recommendations adopted by that Conference,<sup>47</sup>

<sup>44</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 2018th meeting.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, 2014th and 2018th meetings.

<sup>46</sup> Legal Consequences for States of the Continued Presence of South Africa in Namibia (South West Africa) notwithstanding Security Council Resolution 276 (1970), Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1971, p. 16.

<sup>47</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/8724), vol. II, appendix II.

<sup>40</sup> Established by the Security Council under resolution 283 (1970).

<sup>41</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/8724).

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chaps. II, III and IX.

<sup>43</sup> A/8934.

*Aware* of the urgent need for the participation of Namibians in the activities of the United Nations Council for Namibia,

*Mindful also* that the direct responsibility of the United Nations for the Territory of Namibia includes the solemn obligation to protect and safeguard the rights and interests of the people of the Territory pending their exercise of self-determination and attainment of independence,

*Noting with appreciation* the recognition by a large number of States of the identity certificates and travel documents issued to Namibians by the United Nations Council for Namibia,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Namibia to self-determination and independence, as recognized in General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2621 (XXV) and subsequent resolutions, and the legitimacy of their struggle by all means against the illegal occupation of their Territory by South Africa;

2. *Affirms* that any solution with regard to the question of Namibia must enable the people of the Territory to achieve self-determination and independence as a single territorial and political entity;

3. *Condemns* the Government of South Africa for its continued refusal to terminate its illegal occupation and administration of the Territory of Namibia and to comply with the pertinent resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly;

4. *Calls once again upon* the Government of South Africa to withdraw forthwith from the international Territory of Namibia;

5. *Condemns* the Government of South Africa for its continued efforts to destroy the unity of the people and the territorial integrity of Namibia through the establishment of separate "homelands" based on racial and tribal distinctions, including the eviction, displacement and transfer of the Namibian people to other areas, and for its continued extension to Namibia of the policies of *apartheid*;

6. *Deeply deplores* any support given to South Africa by any State, and by any financial, economic and other interests operating in Namibia, which enables South Africa to pursue its repressive policies in the Territory, and calls for the termination of such support;

7. *Calls once again upon* all States:

(a) To respect strictly the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning Namibia, and to take fully into account the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 21 June 1971;

(b) To refrain from all direct or indirect relations, economic or otherwise, with South Africa, when it purports to represent Namibia;

(c) Not to recognize as legally valid any rights or interests in Namibian property or resources purportedly acquired from the Government of South Africa after 27 October 1966;

(d) To take effective economic and other measures designed to ensure the immediate withdrawal of the South African administration from Namibia, thereby making possible the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) and 2248 (S-V);

8. *Commends* the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia to all States and the subsidiary

organs of the General Assembly and other competent organs of the United Nations, as well as to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, for appropriate action in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Council for Namibia to continue to discharge its functions and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and in particular:

(a) To represent Namibia in international organizations, at conferences and on any other occasion as may be required;

(b) To ensure the participation in an appropriate capacity of the representatives of the Namibian people in its activities;

(c) To continue its consultations at United Nations Headquarters, in Africa or elsewhere with the representatives of the Namibian people and the Organization of African Unity;

(d) To continue to assume responsibility for the urgent establishment of short-term and long-term co-ordinated programmes of technical and financial assistance to Namibia in the light of the relevant provisions of resolution 2248 (S-V) and taking into account resolution 2872 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971;

(e) To continue to expand the existing scheme for issuing identity certificates and travel documents to Namibians by concluding appropriate agreements with Governments of Member States;

(f) To continue to promote publicity with regard to the question of Namibia and to assist the Secretary-General in the discharge of the task entrusted to him under paragraph 14 below;

(g) To undertake a study on the compliance of Member States with the relevant United Nations resolutions, taking into account the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice relating to Namibia;

(h) To examine the question of foreign economic interests operating in Namibia, and to seek effective means to regulate such activities as appropriate;

(i) To continue to examine the question of bilateral and multilateral treaties which explicitly or implicitly include Namibia, and to seek to replace South Africa as the party representing Namibia in all relevant bilateral and multilateral treaties;

10. *Requests* all States, United Nations organs and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as the non-governmental organizations concerned, to co-operate fully with the United Nations Council for Namibia in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, and in particular:

(a) To refrain from any action which may confer a semblance of legitimacy upon South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia;

(b) To render to the Namibian people, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, all moral and material assistance necessary to continue their struggle for the restoration of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to work out, in active co-operation with the United Nations Council for Namibia and the Organization of African Unity, concrete programmes of assistance to Namibia;

(c) To take effective steps to assist the Secretary-General in disseminating relevant information on this question under paragraph 14 below;

11. *Invites* the Security Council to take effective measures, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter, to secure the withdrawal by South Africa of its illegal administration from Namibia and the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council designed to enable the people of Namibia to exercise their right to self-determination;

12. *Decides* to enlarge the membership of the United Nations Council for Namibia and requests the President of the General Assembly, in the light of the relevant report of the Secretary-General,<sup>48</sup> to nominate additional members during the current session of the Assembly;

13. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2871 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and in view of the recommendations of the United Nations Council for Namibia, to undertake the necessary consultations to nominate as soon as possible a full-time United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;<sup>49</sup>

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the United Nations Council for Namibia concerning the widespread and continuous publicity on this question, to take effective steps, including the publication of a regular bulletin on Namibia and the issue of a series of United Nations commemorative postage stamps, to publicize as widely as possible, in particular:

(a) The work of the United Nations Council for Namibia and of other organs on the question of Namibia;

<sup>48</sup> A/8934.

<sup>49</sup> For the appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia by the General Assembly, see above, p. 10.

(b) The grave situation in the Territory created by the further repressive measures taken by the South African régime against the people of Namibia in violation of the relevant decisions of the United Nations;

(c) The legitimate struggle of the people of Namibia for self-determination and independence;

(d) The need for increased moral, political and material assistance to the people of Namibia and their liberation movement;

15. *Invites* the various organs of the United Nations concerned to effect the greatest possible co-ordination of their respective activities relating to Namibia;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to the United Nations Council for Namibia and to the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia for the discharge of their respective duties and functions;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2114th plenary meeting  
18 December 1972

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*At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, pursuant to paragraph 12 of the above resolution, confirmed the nomination by its President of BURUNDI, CHINA, LIBERIA, MEXICO, POLAND, ROMANIA and the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS as members of the United Nations Council for Namibia.*

*As a result, the Council will be composed of the following Member States: BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, EGYPT, GUYANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, LIBERIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, ROMANIA, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAMBIA.*

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### **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

#### **(Item 22)**

At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>50</sup> decided to defer until its twenty-eighth session consideration of the questions of British Honduras, the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), French Somaliland and Gibraltar.

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/8955, para. 26.*

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**2912 (XXVII). Financial reports and accounts for the year 1971 and reports of the Board of Auditors****A****UNITED NATIONS***The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations for the year ended 31 December 1971 and the audit opinion of the Board of Auditors;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its report;<sup>3</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take such remedial action as may be required by the comments of the Board of Auditors.

*2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972*

**B****UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME***The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Development Programme for the year

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/8707).*

<sup>3</sup> A/8810, paras. 3-10

ended 31 December 1971 and the audit opinion of the Board of Auditors;<sup>4</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its report.<sup>5</sup>

*2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972*

**C****UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND***The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the year 1971 and the audit opinions of the Board of Auditors;<sup>6</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its report.<sup>7</sup>

*2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972*

**D****UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST***The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/8707/Add.1).*

<sup>5</sup> A/8810, paras. 12-16.

<sup>6</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7B (A/8707/Add.2).*

<sup>7</sup> A/8810, paras. 18-20.



the Near East for the year ended 31 December 1971 and the audit opinion of the Board of Auditors;<sup>8</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its report.<sup>9</sup>

*2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972*

## E

### UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

#### *The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for the year ended 31 December 1971 and the audit opinion of the Board of Auditors;<sup>10</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its report.<sup>11</sup>

*2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972*

## F

### VOLUNTARY FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

#### *The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 1971 and the audit opinion of the Board of Auditors;<sup>12</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its report.<sup>13</sup>

*2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972*

### **2913 (XXVII). Enlargement of the Committee on Contributions: amendment to rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2390 (XXIII) of 25 November 1968, by which the membership of the Committee on Contributions was increased from ten to twelve,

*Recalling* its resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 on the restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Committee on Contributions from twelve to thirteen;

2. *Decides* to amend, with effect from 1 January 1973, rule 160 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

<sup>8</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7C (A/8707/Add.3).

<sup>9</sup> A/8810, para. 22.

<sup>10</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7D (A/8707/Add.4).

<sup>11</sup> A/8810, para. 24.

<sup>12</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7E (A/8707/Add.5).

<sup>13</sup> A/8810, paras. 26 and 27.

## "Rule 160

"The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of thirteen members."

*2081st plenary meeting  
9 November 1972*

## **2924 (XXVII). Joint Inspection Unit**

### A

#### REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

##### *The General Assembly*

*Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities covering the period from 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1972,<sup>14</sup> as transmitted by the Secretary-General.

*2088th plenary meeting  
24 November 1972*

### B

#### CONTINUATION OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, 2360 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 2735 A (XXV) of 17 December 1970 relating to the Joint Inspection Unit,

*Having considered* the views submitted in response to resolution 2735 A (XXV) on the future of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>15</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the report submitted by the Secretary-General<sup>16</sup> in compliance with General Assembly resolution 2537 B (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 on the machinery of the United Nations system for administrative and budgetary control, investigation and co-ordination,

*Noting* the concern expressed by the Secretary-General<sup>17</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>18</sup> as well as the views stated in the Fifth Committee about the need to avoid a duplication of effort and a waste of resources in the activities of the bodies and organs comprising that machinery,

*Aware* of the need to re-examine and eventually restructure that machinery with a view to improving and streamlining it in the interests of economy and greater efficiency,

*Recognizing* that the question of the Joint Inspection Unit should be considered in the context of the re-examination mentioned above and its conclusions,

1. *Decides* that the Joint Inspection Unit should continue in being for a further period of four years beyond 31 December 1973;

2. *Decides* to review, at its thirty-first session, the machinery of the United Nations and of its system

<sup>14</sup> A/C.5/1433.

<sup>15</sup> A/8835 and Corr.1: A/C.5/1432, A/C.5/1434, A/C.5/1437 and A/C.5/1438.

<sup>16</sup> A/7938.

<sup>17</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/C.5/1233.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid., Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/7608 and Corr.1), para. 80.

for administrative and budgetary control, investigation and co-ordination, and for this purpose requests the views of the Secretary-General as chief administrative officer of the United Nations and as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the relevant views of the governing bodies of the specialized agencies, the Economic and Social Council, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Joint Inspection Unit, as well as the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Further decides* to evaluate, at its thirty-first session, the work of the Joint Inspection Unit, in conjunction with the over-all review provided for in paragraph 2 above;

4. *Reaffirms* the terms of reference of the Joint Inspection Unit, as set out in the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies;<sup>19</sup>

5. *Reaffirms* the procedures and criteria for the composition and appointment of the Joint Inspection Unit, as similarly set out in the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;<sup>20</sup>

6. *Decides* that the term of office of Inspectors should be four years, with the possibility of reappointment;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annually to the General Assembly a succinct report on those major recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, as set forth in reports affecting the United Nations, which have not been implemented, together with the reasons therefor;

8. *Directs* that the guidelines for the functioning of the Joint Inspection Unit and for the handling of its reports shall be those now in effect pursuant to decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,<sup>21</sup> as modified by those set out in paragraphs 8 to 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>22</sup>

9. *Recommends* that the other participating organizations in the United Nations system take appropriate action for the continuation of the Joint Inspection Unit and the use of its services on the basis set out in the present resolution.

2088th plenary meeting  
24 November 1972

## 2939 (XXVII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

### *The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343, para. 67, B. (c).

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 67, B. (b).

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 67, B. (d); conclusions reached by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at their joint meetings in 1967 (*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 17, document E/4404*); supplementary arrangements for handling the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1457 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969, and further arrangements to this end endorsed by the Fifth Committee at its 1332nd meeting (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 81, document A/7849, para. 21*).

<sup>22</sup> A/8835 and Corr.1.

Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1973:

Mr. Lucio García del Solar,  
Mr. Anatoly V. Grodsky,  
Mr. Mario Majoli,  
Mr. David L. Stottlemeyer.

2097th plenary meeting  
4 December 1972

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*As a result of the above appointments, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions will be composed as follows Mr. Mohamed ALWAN (Iraq),\*\* Mr. Paulo Lopes CORRÊA (Brazil),\* Mr. Mohsen S. ESFANDIARY (Iran),\*\* Mr. Lucio GARCÍA DEL SOLAR (Argentina),\*\*\* Mr. Anatoly V. GRODSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),\*\*\* Mr. HSING Sung-yi (China),\*\* Mr. Ahmed Tewfik KHALIL (Egypt),\* Mr. Mario MAJOLI (Italy),\*\*\* Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (United Republic of Tanzania),\* Mr. André NAUDY (France),\*\* Mr. John I. M. RHODES (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland),\*\* Mr. David L. STOTTELMAYER (United States of America)\*\*\* and Mr. József TARDOS (Hungary).\**

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

## 2940 (XXVII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

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#### *The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1973:

Mr. Amjad Ali,  
Mr. Santiago Meyer Picón,  
Mr. Michel Rougé,  
Mr. Vasily S. Safronchuk,  
Mr. Wang Wei-tsai.

2097th plenary meeting  
4 December 1972

### B

#### *The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a period beginning on 1 January 1973 and ending on 31 December 1973:

Mr. Richard V. Hennes.

2097th plenary meeting  
4 December 1972

### C

#### *The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a period beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1974:

Mr. Hussein Nur Elmi.

2097th plenary meeting  
4 December 1972

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*As a result of the above appointments, the Committee on Contributions will be composed as follows: Mr. Amjad ALI*

(Pakistan),\*\*\* Mr. Joseph Quao CLELAND (Ghana),\*\* Mr. Richard V. HENNES (United States of America),\* Mr. Angus J. MATHESON (Canada),\*\* Mr. Santiago MEYER PICÓN (Mexico),\*\*\* Mr. Takeshi NAITO (Japan),\* Mr. Hussein NUR ELMI (Somalia),\*\* Mr. Stanislaw RACZKOWSKI (Poland),\* Mr. Michel ROUGÉ (France),\*\*\* Mr. Vasily S. SAFRONCHUK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics),\*\*\* Mr. David SILVEIRA DA MOTA (Brazil),\*\* Mr. WANG Wei-Tsai (China)\*\*\* and Miss Kathleen WHALLEY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).\*\*

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

## 2941 (XXVII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors

### *The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the Auditor-General of Pakistan as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1973.

2097th plenary meeting  
4 December 1972

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*As a result of the above appointment, the Board of Auditors will be composed as follows:* the Auditor-General of CANADA,\* the Auditor-General of COLOMBIA\*\* and the Auditor-General of PAKISTAN.\*\*\*

\* Term of office expires on 30 June 1974.

\*\* Term of office expires on 30 June 1975.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 30 June 1976.

## 2942 (XXVII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

### *The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1973:

Mr. Francisco Forteza,

Mr. Zenon Rossides.

2097th plenary meeting  
4 December 1972

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*As a result of the above appointments, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal will be composed as follows:* Mrs. Paul BASTID (France),\* Mr. Francisco FORTENZA (Uruguay),\*\*\* Mr. MUTUALE-TSHIKANTSHE (Zaire),\* Mr. Francis T. P. PLIMPTON (United States of America),\*\* Mr. Zenon ROSSIDES (Cyprus),\*\*\* Sir Roger Bentham STEVENS (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)\*\* and Mr. R. VENKATARAMAN (India).\*

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

## 2943 (XXVII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

### *The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the following person as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 1973:

Mr. Richard V. Hennes.

2097th plenary meeting  
4 December 1972

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*As a result of the above appointment, the members and alternate members elected by the General Assembly to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1973, will be the following:*

### *Members*

Mr. Richard V. HENNES (United States of America),

Mr. Guillermo J. MCGOUGH (Argentina),

Miss Kathleen WHALLEY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

### *Alternate members*

Mr. Harry L. MORRIS (Liberia),

Mr. Takeshi NAITO (Japan),

Mr. Sverre REFSEAL (Norway).

## 2944 (XXVII). Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

### *The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 1972,<sup>23</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>24</sup>

### I

#### ADJUSTMENT OF BENEFITS IN RESPECT OF COST-OF-LIVING CHANGES

#### *Decides:*

(a) To extend for a further period of three years from 1 January 1973 the system of adjustments to benefits in payment contained in General Assembly resolution 2122 (XX) of 21 December 1965, as amended by resolution 2887 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971;

(b) To apply the above system, with effect from 1 January 1973, to all benefits payable in periodic form previously excluded therefrom, with the exception of benefits derived from voluntary deposits in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, provided that, for the purpose of adjustments under this paragraph, benefits shall be deemed to have commenced in 1972;

(c) To vary the system further, with effect from 1 January 1973, in such manner that benefits resulting from separation during the first quarter of a calendar year shall be adjusted by three quarters of the rate applicable to that year, benefits resulting from separa-

<sup>23</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/8709 and Corr.1).

<sup>24</sup> A/8860.

tion during the second quarter by one half of such rate and benefits resulting from separation during the third quarter by one quarter thereof;

(d) To apply, as a transitional measure during 1973, 1974 and 1975, the following additional adjustments to periodic benefits in payment:

Date of separation	Additional annual index adjustment		
	1973	1974	1975
Prior to 1973	9	6	3
1 January-31 December 1973	—	6	3
1 January-31 December 1974	—	—	3

provided that these additional adjustments shall be limited to benefits not exceeding \$3,000 per year, and to the first \$3,000 of any higher annual benefit, and that the total payment for any year shall not be less than that applicable in the previous year;

## II

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

*Approves* expenses totalling \$1,386,400 (net) for 1973 and supplementary expenses totalling \$260,861 (net) for 1972 for the administration of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, as estimated by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in its report to the General Assembly for 1972;<sup>25</sup>

## III

*Endorses* the understanding contained in paragraph 20 and the suggestions contained in paragraphs 15 and 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/8709 and Corr.1), annex III.*

## 2947 (XXVII). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1972

### A

#### BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that for the financial year 1972:

1. The amount of \$US 213,124,410 appropriated by its resolution 2899 A (XXVI) of 22 December 1971 shall be decreased by \$US 4,474,210 as follows:

	Amount appro- priated by resolution 2899 A (XXVI) <sup>a</sup>	Increase or (decrease)	Revised appro- priation
Section		(US dollars)	
PART I. <i>Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>			
1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies	1,449,900	(49,500)	1,400,400
2. Special meetings and conferences	2,846,600	(23,600)	2,823,000
TOTAL, PART I	4,296,500	(73,100)	4,223,400
PART II. <i>Staff costs and related expenses</i>			
3. Salaries and wages	95,676,160	(3,003,160)	92,673,000
4. Common staff costs	21,857,100	(686,100)	21,171,000
5. Travel of staff	2,656,100	166,100	2,822,200
6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality	159,000	(10,000)	149,000
TOTAL, PART II	120,348,360	(3,533,160)	116,815,200
PART III. <i>Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises</i>			
7. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	9,614,000	(44,600)	9,569,400
TOTAL, PART III	9,614,000	(44,600)	9,569,400
PART IV. <i>Equipment, supplies and services</i>			
8. Permanent equipment	1,413,300	(100,300)	1,313,000
9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises	6,897,900	451,300	7,349,200

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 2899 A (XXVI)<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Revised appropriation</i>
		<i>(US dollars)</i>	
10. General expenses .....	6,037,000	474,200	6,511,200
11. Printing .....	3,039,700	—	3,039,700
<b>TOTAL, PART IV</b>	<b>17,387,900</b>	<b>825,200</b>	<b>18,213,100</b>
<b>PART V. Technical programmes</b>			
12. Regional and subregional advisory services .....	1,825,000	(306,000)	1,519,000
13. Economic development, social development and public administration; human rights advisory services; narcotic drugs control .....	5,408,000	(822,000)	4,586,000
14. Industrial development .....	1,500,000	(107,500)	1,392,500
<b>TOTAL, PART V</b>	<b>8,733,000</b>	<b>(1,235,500)</b>	<b>7,497,500</b>
<b>PART VI. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</b>			
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development .....	12,362,900	(183,200)	12,179,700
<b>TOTAL, PART VI</b>	<b>12,362,900</b>	<b>(183,200)</b>	<b>12,179,700</b>
<b>PART VII. United Nations Industrial Development Organization</b>			
16. United Nations Industrial Development Organization .....	14,332,100	(232,200)	14,099,900
<b>TOTAL, PART VII</b>	<b>14,332,100</b>	<b>(232,200)</b>	<b>14,099,900</b>
<b>PART VIII. Special missions</b>			
17. Special missions .....	8,370,700	(66,300)	8,304,400
<b>TOTAL, PART VIII</b>	<b>8,370,700</b>	<b>(66,300)</b>	<b>8,304,400</b>
<b>PART IX. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</b>			
18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .....	5,398,500	—	5,398,500
<b>TOTAL, PART IX</b>	<b>5,398,500</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,398,500</b>
<b>PART X. International Court of Justice</b>			
19. International Court of Justice .....	1,706,150	(6,250)	1,699,900
<b>TOTAL, PART X</b>	<b>1,706,150</b>	<b>(6,250)</b>	<b>1,699,900</b>
<b>PART XI. Special expenses</b>			
20. Special expenses .....	10,574,300	74,900	10,649,200
<b>TOTAL, PART XI</b>	<b>10,574,300</b>	<b>74,900</b>	<b>10,649,200</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>213,124,410</b>	<b>(4,474,210)</b>	<b>208,650,200</b>

<sup>a</sup> The global reduction of \$1,250,000, applied to the appropriations as a whole for the purpose of restricting the credits made available for the production of United Nations documentation, was subsequently distributed by the Secretary-General among the various relevant sections of the budget as follows: section 2 (\$57,000), section 3 (\$513,000), section 4 (\$94,000), section 11 (\$337,000), section 15 (\$162,100) and section 16 (\$86,900).

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The appropriations for technical assistance programmes under part V shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be in accordance with the procedures and practices established for the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme;

4. The provisions under sections 1, 3, 5 and 11, in a total amount of \$309,630 relating to the International Narcotics Control Board, shall be administered as a unit;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$19,000 is appropriated from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment;

6. In the assessment of the contributions of Member States for 1973, the provisions of regulations 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the decrease of \$4,474,210 in the appropriations approved for 1972 by paragraph 1 of resolution 2899 A (XXVI), compared with the revised appropriations for that year approved by paragraph 1 of the present resolution; this amount shall be entered in a separately identified account of the United Nations and held in suspense pending a further decision by the General Assembly at a later date.

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8 December 1972

## B

### INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

#### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves that for the financial year 1972:*

1. The estimates of income approved by its resolution 2899 B (XXVI) of 22 December 1971 shall be revised as follows:

	<i>Amount approved by resolution 2899 B (XXVI)</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Revised appro- priation</i>
<i>Income section</i>		<i>(US dollars)</i>	
<b>PART I. <i>Income from staff assessment</i></b>			
1. Income from staff assessment .....	25,313,650	(403,650)	24,910,000
<b>TOTAL, PART I</b>	<u>25,313,650</u>	<u>(403,650)</u>	<u>24,910,000</u>
<b>PART II. <i>Other income</i></b>			
2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts ..	2,499,400	(7,900)	2,491,500
3. General income .....	4,910,000	(148,500)	4,761,500
4. Revenue-producing activities .....	3,198,600	23,800	3,222,400
<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<u>10,608,000</u>	<u>(132,600)</u>	<u>10,475,400</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>35,921,650</u>	<u>(536,250)</u>	<u>35,385,400</u>

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, and the sale of publications shall be charged against the income derived from those activities;

4. In the assessment of the contributions of Member States for 1973 and of their respective credits for that year in the Tax Equalization Fund, the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b) and (e) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the net decrease of \$132,600 in the estimates of miscellaneous income and the decrease of \$403,650 in the estimates of income from staff assessment approved for 1972 by paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2899 B (XXVI), compared with the revised estimates of income from these sources approved by paragraph 1 of the present resolution; these amounts shall be entered in the separately identified account of the United Nations referred to in paragraph 6 of resolution A above, and held in suspense pending a further decision by the General Assembly at a later date.

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**2960 (XXVII). Pattern of conferences***The General Assembly*

1. *Approves* the calendar of conferences and meetings as set forth in the addenda<sup>26</sup> to the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Reaffirms* the applicability of paragraphs 8 to 12 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, which relate to the pattern of conferences and meetings;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to continue to submit programmes of meetings and conferences to the General Assembly at each session for its approval;

4. *Approves* the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>27</sup>

5. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular, to prepare the study requested in paragraph 6 of resolution 2609 (XXIV), including a model pattern of conferences for New York, Geneva and Vienna as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 9 of its report and taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the twenty-seventh session, and to submit that study to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

*2108th plenary meeting  
13 December 1972*

**2961 (XXVII). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations****A***The General Assembly**Resolves that:*

(a) The rates of assessment for the following States, which were admitted to membership in the United Nations at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly, shall be as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Bahrain .....	0.04
Oman .....	0.04
Qatar .....	0.04
United Arab Emirates .....	0.04

These rates shall be added to the scale of assessments for 1973 contained in subparagraph (a) of General Assembly resolution 2654 (XXV) of 4 December 1970 and subparagraph (a) of resolution 2762 (XXVI) of 8 November 1971;

(b) For the financial year 1972, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates shall each contribute at the rate of 0.04 per cent, these rates to be applied to the same basis of assessment for 1972 as for other Member States;

(c) For the financial year 1971, the four new Member States shall each contribute an amount equal to one ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the same

basis of assessment for 1971 as for other Member States;

(d) The contributions payable by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates for 1971 and 1972 shall be used for the financing of the budget for 1973 under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

(e) The advances to the Working Capital Fund by Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall for each of these States be 0.04 per cent of the authorized level of the Fund, and these advances shall be carried as additional to the amount of the Fund;

(f) Switzerland, which under Economic and Social Council resolution 1600 (LI) of 20 July 1971 became a member of the Economic Commission for Europe on 24 March 1972, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Commission for the financial years 1972 and 1973 at the rate of 0.84 per cent.

*2108th plenary meeting  
13 December 1972*

**B***The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, 238 (III) of 18 November 1948, 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952 and 1137 (XII) of 14 October 1957 relating to the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations among its Members and the fixing of the maximum contribution of any one Member State,

*Affirming* that the capacity of Member States to contribute towards the payment of the ordinary expenses of the United Nations is a fundamental criterion on which scales of assessment are based,

*Noting* that, when it was decided by the General Assembly in 1957 that, in principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations should not exceed 30 per cent of the total, the United Nations consisted of eighty-two Member States,

*Noting further* that, since the General Assembly decision of 1957, fifty States have been admitted to membership in the United Nations,

*Recalling* that, since the General Assembly decision of 1957, there has been a reduction in the percentage contribution of the State paying the maximum contribution from 33.33 per cent to 31.52 per cent;

*Decides that:*

(a) As a matter of principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations shall not exceed 25 per cent of the total;

(b) In preparing scales of assessment for future years, the Committee on Contributions shall implement subparagraph (a) above as soon as practicable so as to reduce to 25 per cent the percentage contribution of the Member State paying the maximum contribution, utilizing for this purpose to the extent necessary:

(i) The percentage contributions of any newly admitted Member States immediately upon their admission;

(ii) The normal triennial increase in the percentage contributions of Member States resulting from increases in their national incomes;

<sup>26</sup> A/8790/Add.1 and 2.

<sup>27</sup> A/8868 and Add.1.

(c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b) above, the percentage contribution of Member States shall not in any case in the United Nations, the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency be increased as a consequence of the present resolution.

*2108th plenary meeting  
13 December 1972*

### C

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 582 (VI) of 21 December 1951, 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952, 876 A (IX) of 4 December 1954, 1927 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2118 (XX) of 21 December 1965 relating to the additional recognition to be given to the low *per capita* income countries and to the attention to be given to the developing countries in the calculation of their rates of assessment,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its thirty-second session,<sup>28</sup>

Noting the views of the Committee on Contributions on the question of allowance for low *per capita* income, expressed in paragraph 21 of its report,

1. *Reaffirms* its previous directives to the Committee on Contributions regarding the additional recognition to be given to the low *per capita* income countries and the attention to be given to the developing countries in the calculation of their rates of assessment;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, at its next review of the scale of assessments, to change the elements of the low *per capita* income allowance formula so as to adjust it to the changing world economic conditions.

*2108th plenary meeting  
13 December 1972*

### D

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 582 (VI) of 21 December 1951, 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952, 876 A (IX) of 4 December 1954, 1927 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2118 (XX) of 21 December 1965 relating to the attention and recognition to be accorded by the Committee on Contributions to the countries with low *per capita* income when calculating the rates of their assessment, in view of their economic and financial problems,

Noting that the ceiling for the highest contribution has been lowered twice and that the *per capita* ceiling principle has been fully implemented since 1956, but that the floor for minimum contribution set at 0.04 per cent has not been lowered since 1946, in spite of the increase in the membership of the United Nations and other factors,

Taking into consideration that the allowance formula was benefiting mainly those developing countries with assessments higher than the floor and that the countries with the lowest *per capita* income, including the least developed among the developing countries, were not benefiting from any recommendations in favour of the developing countries in this respect, because of the rigidity of the fixed floor,

1. *Reaffirms* that due regard should be accorded to the developing countries, especially those with the

lowest *per capita* income, to help them meet their priorities at home and to help them offset the inflationary trends continuously affecting their payments in dollar terms;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, in formulating the coming scale of assessment, to lower the floor from 0.04 per cent to 0.02 per cent to allow the adjustments necessary for the developing countries, in particular those with the lowest *per capita* income.

*2108th plenary meeting  
13 December 1972*

### 2988 (XXVII). Confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General to fill vacancies in the membership of the Investments Committee<sup>29</sup>

*The General Assembly*

Confirms the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1973:

Mr. R. Manning Brown,

Mr. Jean Guyot.

*2111th plenary meeting  
15 December 1972*

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As a result of the above appointments, the Investments Committee will be composed as follows: Mr. Eugene BLACK,\*\* Mr. R. Manning BROWN,\*\*\* Mr. Jean GUYOT,\*\*\* the Honourable David MONTAGU,\*\* Mr. George A. MURPHY\* and Mr. B. K. NEHRU.\*

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1973.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1974.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1975.

### 2989 (XXVII). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;<sup>30</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refer the report, as well as the comments made in the Fifth Committee on this subject,<sup>31</sup> to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for their information and comments, and also to the members of the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit for their information.

*2111th plenary meeting  
15 December 1972*

<sup>29</sup> See also "Other decisions", p. 110.

<sup>30</sup> A/8874.

<sup>31</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee*, 1536th, 1537th, 1540th, 1541st, 1544th and 1545th meetings.

<sup>28</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/8711 and Corr.1 and Add.1).*



## 2990 (XXVII). United Nations International School

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>32</sup>

*Recognizing* the important role of the United Nations International School in providing international education facilities of a high academic and cultural standard for children of the United Nations community in New York and the need to preserve the international character of the School,

*Noting* that this international character is being endangered by the diminishing percentage of the enrolment of children of United Nations staff members,

1. *Decides*, subject to review by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, to increase the maximum of the education grant provided in regulation 3.2 of the Staff Regulations of the United Nations from \$1,000 to \$1,500, effective 1 January 1973, and to amend that regulation accordingly;

2. *Urges*, as increased funds become available in future years through the operation of the United Nations International School Development Fund, that consideration should be given to increasing bursaries, to the extent practicable, and using them as a means of attracting additional children from members of the diplomatic and consular corps who do not receive a substantial education grant from their Governments;

3. *Appeals* to Governments to continue to assist the United Nations International School to the extent possible, especially by providing scholarships and making available qualified teachers.

*2111th plenary meeting  
15 December 1972*

## 3006 (XXVII). United Nations Juridical Yearbook<sup>33</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that, by its resolution 1814 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, it decided that the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook* should contain the documentary materials listed in the annex to that resolution,

*Having considered*, at its twenty-sixth session, the comments concerning the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook* set forth in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations<sup>34</sup> and, at its twenty-seventh session, the views concerning the *Yearbook* contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the programme of recurrent publications,<sup>35</sup>

*Decides* that the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook* shall contain henceforth the documentary materials listed in the annex to the present resolution.

*2113th plenary meeting  
18 December 1972*

## ANNEX

### Outline of the United Nations Juridical Yearbook

#### *Part One. Legal status of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations*

Chapter I. Legislative texts concerning the legal status of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations

Chapter II. Treaty provisions concerning the legal status of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations

#### *Part Two. Legal activities of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations*

Chapter III. General review of the legal activities of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations

Chapter IV. Treaties concerning international law concluded under the auspices of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations

Chapter V. Decisions of administrative tribunals of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations

Chapter VI. Selected legal opinions of the secretariats of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations

#### *Part Three. Judicial decisions on questions relating to the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations*

Chapter VII. Decisions of international tribunals

Chapter VIII. Decisions of national tribunals

#### *Part Four. Legal bibliography of the United Nations and related intergovernmental organizations*

## 3007 (XXVII). Composition of the Secretariat

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the composition of the Secretariat<sup>36</sup> and the long-term recruitment plan,<sup>37</sup>

*Desirous* of ensuring that, in accordance with Article 8 of the Charter of the United Nations, no restrictions are placed on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in the work of the Secretariat,

*Desirous further* of avoiding any discrimination between staff members on grounds of sex,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a study on those provisions of the Staff Rules and Staff Regulations of the United Nations whose application might, in certain cases, give rise to discrimination between staff members on grounds of sex.

*2113th plenary meeting  
18 December 1972*

## 3008 (XXVII). Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General<sup>38</sup> on a proposed amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations,

<sup>32</sup> A/8856.

<sup>33</sup> At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly decided to refer to the Sixth Committee, for prior consideration, the part of the report of the Secretary-General on recurrent publications which dealt with publications in the legal field. The present resolution was adopted on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, as set forth in the report of the Fifth Committee (A/8978).

<sup>34</sup> See A/8362, paras. 59-70.

<sup>35</sup> See A/8851, para. 9.

<sup>36</sup> See A/8831 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

<sup>37</sup> See A/8836.

<sup>38</sup> A/C.5/1439.

1. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 1973, regulation 1.10 of the Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall be amended to read as follows:

“The oath or declaration shall be made orally by the Secretary-General at a public meeting of the General Assembly. All other members of the Secretariat shall make the oath or declaration before the Secretary-General or his authorized representative.”

2. *Takes note* of the changes made by the Secretary-General in the Staff Rules of the United Nations in the year ending on 31 August 1972, as set forth in his report.<sup>39</sup>

*2113th plenary meeting  
18 December 1972*

### **3042 (XXVII). United Nations salary system**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2743 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, by which it established the Special Committee for the Review of the United Nations Salary System,

*Recalling further* its resolution 13 (I) of 13 February 1946, on the basis of which the International Civil Service Advisory Board was established in 1948, and recalling that the terms of reference of the Board were subsequently extended by resolution 1981 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963,

*Noting* the report of the Special Committee for the Review of the United Nations Salary System,<sup>40</sup> the comments thereon by the International Civil Service Advisory Board,<sup>41</sup> the Secretary-General<sup>42</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>43</sup> and the statement of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations,<sup>44</sup>

*Noting* that, in its report, the Special Committee for the Review of the United Nations Salary System recommended the establishment of a new organ for the regulation and co-ordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

*Noting* that the International Civil Service Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions recommend the establishment of an international civil service commission composed of experts who should be independent of executive heads, staff associations and Governments, but accountable as a body to the General Assembly,

*Noting further* that the executive heads of the specialized agencies, as well as representatives of the staff, believe that such a commission is necessary,

1. *Decides* to establish in principle, as of 1 January 1974, an International Civil Service Commission consisting of not more than thirteen independent experts having the requisite qualifications and experience who would be appointed in their individual capacities by, and answerable as a body to, the General Assembly;

2. *Invites* the governing organs of the specialized agencies in the United Nations common system to offer

such observations as they may have on the proposed International Civil Service Commission;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, together with his colleagues in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and after such consultations as he or they may deem necessary, to submit, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session detailed proposals for an International Civil Service Commission, together with a draft statute covering its terms of reference and procedures, including conditions and periods of service for the commissioners, methods of selection of the supporting staff of the Commission, methods of consultation with representatives of the administrations and staff, and other necessary administrative, budgetary and financial provisions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and his colleagues in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to initiate appropriate consultations with a view to the compilation of a roster of candidates for appointment to the International Civil Service Commission, selected on the basis of their personal qualifications and experience and of broad geographical representation, and to consult with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in time for consideration and decision by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

5. *Decides* to transmit to the International Civil Service Commission, after it has been constituted, the report of the Special Committee for the Review of the United Nations Salary System, the comments of the International Civil Service Advisory Board and other related documentation for its consideration and the submission of recommendations for action at the earliest possible date;

6. *Decides* to continue to keep the International Civil Service Advisory Board in being until such time as the International Civil Service Commission is constituted and becomes operational.

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### **3043 (XXVII). Form of presentation of the United Nations budget and duration of the budget cycle**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the form of presentation of the United Nations budget and the duration of the budget cycle<sup>45</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>46</sup>

*Taking into account* the view expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twelfth session<sup>47</sup> and by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session<sup>48</sup> that the new form of presentation constitutes a useful basis for proceeding towards the introduction of a system of programme budgeting in the United Nations,

<sup>39</sup> A/C.5/1435.

<sup>40</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 28* (A/8728 and Corr.1).

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 28A (A/8728/Add.1).

<sup>42</sup> A/8839 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

<sup>43</sup> A/8914.

<sup>44</sup> See A/C.5/1466.

<sup>45</sup> A/C.5/1429 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>46</sup> A/8739.

<sup>47</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5186/Rev.1).

<sup>48</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/8703).

Noting the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the current session,

1. Approves on an experimental basis the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget, as proposed by the Secretary-General and as modified by the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and taking into account the revised time-table considered by the Fifth Committee;

2. Approves on an experimental basis the introduction of a biennial budget cycle;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the new procedures for the regular budget of the United Nations, including those items for which additional provision is made from extra-budgetary sources, taking into account for this purpose the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the current session;

4. Decides to keep under continuous review the progress achieved in the implementation by the Secretary-General of these new procedures on the basis of reports to be submitted by him to the General Assembly.

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### 3044 (XXVII). Budget for the financial year 1973

#### A

#### BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

##### *The General Assembly*

Resolves that for the financial year 1973:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 225,920,420 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	(US dollars)
<b>PART I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</b>	
1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies	1,519,570
2. Special meetings and conferences	1,922,600
<b>TOTAL, PART I</b>	<b>3,442,170</b>
<b>PART II. Staff costs and related expenses</b>	
3. Salaries and wages	99,989,500
4. Common staff costs	23,441,300
5. Travel of staff	2,646,350
6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality	150,000
<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<b>126,227,150</b>
<b>PART III. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises</b>	
7. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	11,649,400
<b>TOTAL, PART III</b>	<b>11,649,400</b>
<b>PART IV. Equipment, supplies and services</b>	
8. Permanent equipment	1,246,800
9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises	7,850,200
10. General expenses	6,318,900
11. Printing	3,155,200
<b>TOTAL, PART IV</b>	<b>18,571,100</b>
<b>PART V. Technical programmes</b>	
12. Regional and subregional advisory services	1,825,000
13. Economic development, social development and public administration; human rights advisory services; narcotic drugs control	5,408,000
14. Industrial development	1,500,000
<b>TOTAL, PART V</b>	<b>8,733,000</b>
<b>PART VI. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</b>	
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	13,252,600
<b>TOTAL, PART VI</b>	<b>13,252,600</b>

Section	(US dollars)	
PART VII. <i>United Nations Industrial Development Organization</i>		
16. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	14,634,700	
	TOTAL, PART VII	14,634,700
PART VIII. <i>Special missions</i>		
17. Special missions	8,959,100	
	TOTAL, PART VIII	8,959,100
PART IX. <i>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i>		
18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	5,925,900	
	TOTAL, PART IX	5,925,900
PART X. <i>International Court of Justice</i>		
19. International Court of Justice	1,714,900	
	TOTAL, PART X	1,714,900
PART XI. <i>Special expenses</i>		
20. Special expenses	10,810,400	
	TOTAL, PART XI	10,810,400
PART XII. <i>United Nations Environment Programme</i>		
21. United Nations Environment Programme	2,000,000	
	TOTAL, PART XII	2,000,000
	GRAND TOTAL	225,920,420

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**;

3. The appropriations for technical assistance programmes under part V shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current financial year shall be valid for the succeeding financial year, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current financial year, and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current financial year shall not exceed twelve man-months;

(b) Obligations established in the current financial year for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization, and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current year will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

4. The provisions under sections 1, 3, 5 and 11, in a total amount of \$438,300 relating to the International Narcotics Control Board, shall be administered as a unit;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$19,000 is appropriated from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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## B

### INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

#### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves that for the financial year 1973:*

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 35,958,800 are approved as follows:

Income section		(US dollars)
PART I. Income from staff assessment		
1. Income from staff assessment	27,383,000	
	TOTAL, PART I	27,383,000

*Income section**(US dollars)***PART II. Other income**

2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts	734,000
3. General income	4,934,000
4. Revenue-producing activities	2,907,800
<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<b>8,575,800</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>35,958,800</b>

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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**C****FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973***The General Assembly*

*Resolves that for the financial year 1973:*

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 225,920,420 shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) As to \$8,575,800, by income other than staff assessment for 1973 approved under resolution B above;

(b) As to \$1,238,198, by the amount available in surplus account for the financial year 1971;

(c) As to \$311,032, by contribution of new Member States for the financial years 1971 and 1972;

(d) As to \$215,795,390, by assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2654 (XXV) of 4 December 1970, 2762 (XXVI) of 8 November 1971 and 2961 A (XXVII) of 13 December 1972 on the scale of assessments for the financial year 1973;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective shares in the Tax Equalization Fund in a total amount of \$27,897,264 comprising:

(a) \$27,383,000, being the estimated staff assessment income for 1973;

(b) \$514,264, being the excess of actual income from staff assessment over the approved estimate for 1971.

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**3045 (XXVII). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1973***The General Assembly*

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in the financial year 1973, **provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:**

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute of the Court, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$37,500;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments to authorize the Secretary-General to draw on the Working Capital Fund in the amount of \$200,000 for emergency assistance in any one year, with a normal ceiling of \$20,000 per country in the case of any one disaster;

(d) Such commitments made in accordance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, not exceeding a total of \$25,000, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to assistance to Governments at their request in the elaboration of national preparations to meet natural disasters;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly

at its twenty-eighth session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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### **3046 (XXVII). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1973**

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves that:*

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1973 in the amount of \$US 40 million;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the financial year 1973;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in a total amount of \$1,079,158;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1972 under General Assembly resolution 2901 (XXVI) of 22 December 1971;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for 1972 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contribution payable by the Member State in respect of the financial year 1973;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 3045 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$150,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of \$150,000 may be made with the

prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in 1973, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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### **3047 (XXVII). Revenue-producing activities**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on revenue-producing activities,<sup>49</sup> especially paragraph 26 thereof on services to visitors, and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>50</sup>

*Recalling* the report of the Secretary-General on revenue-producing activities submitted to the General Assembly at its tenth session,<sup>51</sup> in which he indicated that the revenue is not, nor should it be, the sole justification for such activities and that regard must be paid to other, and often overriding, purposes of the activities which are not always consonant with a purely financial approach to management questions,

*Convinced* of the public information value of the United Nations guided tours,

*Mindful* that the Office of Public Information is at present engaged in a serious effort to help build a positive public image of the United Nations,

*Convinced* that the guided tours play an important public relations role in the success of this operation,

*Aware* that thousands of visitors taking the guided tours every year acquire a better understanding of the United Nations and, in turn, spread a spirit of goodwill which is essential for the reinforcement of confidence in the Organization,

*Concerned* about the reduced public interest in the United Nations, as reported by the Secretary-General, and the steady decline in the number of visitors to the United Nations,

<sup>49</sup> A/C.5/1479.

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/8708/Add.1-30)*, document A/8708/Add.22.

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, *Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 38 and 47, document A/C.5-623.

1. *Affirms* the view of the Secretary-General that the guided tours are conceived primarily as a public information service and as a means of informing visitors of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to strengthen the operation of the public services of the Office of Public Information in order to increase their effectiveness.

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### 3048 (XXVII). Use of travel funds

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the use of travel funds in the United Nations,<sup>52</sup> and the comments thereon by the Secretary-General<sup>53</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>54</sup>

1. *Confirms* its resolution 2245 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 in connexion with recommendations 1 and 2 contained in chapter VII of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;<sup>55</sup>

2. *Concurs* with the observations and conclusions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>56</sup> with regard to recommendations 3 to 10 contained in that chapter;

3. *Decides* that the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with respect to sea travel on home leave<sup>57</sup> should be implemented as from 1 January 1974.

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### 3049 (XXVII). The financial situation of the United Nations

#### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that the consensus adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session<sup>58</sup> states that the financial difficulties of the Organization should be solved through voluntary contributions by Member States,

*Recalling* the urgent appeal by the Secretary-General at the 1331st plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 1 September 1965, that voluntary contributions be so made and recalling that, subsequently, the Secretary-General established the United Nations Special Account, into which substantial voluntary contributions were received and credited,

*Conscious* of the background against which the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations was established, namely, the growing recognition that the finances of the United Nations must be placed on a sound footing and that more than a

decade had elapsed without that desired objective having been achieved,

*Taking note* of the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations,<sup>59</sup> especially paragraph 11, in which the Special Committee requested the Secretary-General to ask Member States to review their payments pattern with a view to paying future contributions on time, and paragraph 19, which states that there was general agreement in the Special Committee that the major part of the deficit could be eliminated only by voluntary contributions from Member States or by the cancellation of obligations included within the short-term deficit,

1. *Urges* all Member States to review their payments pattern on contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations with a view to paying future contributions on time;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to solicit suggestions from Member States for amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations or to other instructions and procedures, which would have as their objective the achieving of a steady and timely cash flow in the payment of assessed contributions to the Organization, and to submit a report thereon for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a special account under regulation 6.6 of the Financial Regulations into which voluntary contributions may be paid and used for the purpose of clearing up the past financial difficulties of the United Nations and especially for resolving the short-term deficit of the Organization referred to in the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations, and to merge into this account the United Nations Special Account referred to above;

4. *Requests* all Member States and invites non-member States, as a matter of urgency, to make voluntary contributions to this special account in cash or through the cancellation of obligations due from the United Nations or as the result of claims accepted by it;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, in consultation with Member States, ways and means of obtaining voluntary contributions;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to devise modalities for the purposes set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, which in his opinion may be effective;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report the results achieved to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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#### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations,<sup>60</sup>

*Conscious* of the urgent need to place the finances of the United Nations on a sound footing,

*Endorsing* the conclusion of the Special Committee that a comprehensive solution is required for the financial problems of the United Nations and that the re-

<sup>52</sup> See A/8900.

<sup>53</sup> See A/8900/Add.1.

<sup>54</sup> A/8900/Add.2.

<sup>55</sup> See also A/8900/Add.2, paras. 4-8.

<sup>56</sup> A/8900/Add.2, paras. 9-18.

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 16.

<sup>58</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 21, document A/5916, para. 2; and ibid., Plenary Meetings, 1331st meeting, paras. 3 and 4.*

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8729).

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*

sponsibility for seeking a final over-all solution rests with all Member States and not solely with any single category of Member States,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore all possibilities for an over-all solution of the financial difficulties of the United Nations, taking into consideration the results of the examination of the problems undertaken by the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

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### C

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971, which in its operative paragraph reads:

*"Decides* to restore all its rights to the People's Republic of China and to recognize the representatives of its Government as the only legitimate representatives of China to the United Nations, and to expel forthwith the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from the place which they unlawfully occupy

at the United Nations and in all the organizations related to it."

*Recalling further* that this General Assembly action did not deal with the matter of the unpaid assessed contributions for China recorded in the accounts of the United Nations as of that date,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to retain, as of 25 October 1971, as unpaid assessed contributions for the regular budget for China on the accounts of the United Nations only such amount as equals a *pro rata* share of the 1971 assessed contributions for China based on the period from 25 October 1971 to 31 December 1971 inclusive;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to compute and transfer to a special account, after the application of paragraph 1 above, the balances of all unpaid assessed contributions for 1971 and prior years as were shown on the accounts of the United Nations for China; of the amount so transferred, the balance arising from regular budget assessments shall be included as a part of the short-term deficit of the Organization for the purpose of computing that deficit.

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### *Other decisions*

#### **Report of the Economic and Social Council**

##### **(Item 12)**

At its 2111th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>61</sup> took note of chapters XVII, XVIII, XIX (section B) and XXI (sections B and C) of the report of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>62</sup>

#### **Budget estimates for the financial year 1973**

##### **(Item 73)**

At its 2116th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:

(a) Decided to request the Secretary-General to submit at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Administrative Management Service on those units which had already been surveyed, and the reasons for the delay in taking action in some areas;<sup>63</sup>

(b) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General and of the observations in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the progress made by the Administrative Management Service in conducting a survey of manpower utilization in the Secretariat;<sup>64</sup>

(c) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General and of the comments continued in paragraphs 2 to 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities;<sup>65</sup>

(d) Decided to request the Secretary-General to undertake an evaluation of a world-wide United Nations lottery as a potential source of revenue, on the understanding that such a study should include the political, cultural, legal and administrative problems involved and should be subject to the provisions of paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.<sup>66</sup>

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document A/8731, para. 3.

<sup>62</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703).

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, document A/8985, para. 58.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 59.

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 76.

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/8985/Add. 1, para. 11.



(e) Taking into consideration paragraph 5 (d) of document A/C.5/1458 and Corr.1 and 2, and paragraphs 8 and 9 of document A/8708/Add.17, approved the suggestions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 23 and 24 of document A/8708/Add.17, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a complete report on the various proposals of Member States—including the developing countries—concerning the location of offices of the Secretariat in their cities; the said report should be prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2618 (XXIV) of 17 December 1969 and 2895 (XXVI) of 22 December 1971, so as to comply with the requests to the Secretary-General in those resolutions and to provide Member States with a sufficient number of options, including all available information, in order to facilitate a decision. The present decision is taken without prejudice to the Secretary-General's proposal regarding the transfer of the personnel of the Division of Human Rights in 1973;<sup>67</sup>

(f) Endorsed the suggestions and recommendations contained in paragraphs 6, 13 to 15, 25 and 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning office accommodation at Headquarters;<sup>68</sup>

(g) Took note of the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme of major maintenance of and improvements to the Palais des Nations, Geneva, and extension of the Palais des Nations, and endorsed the comments and recommendations contained in paragraphs 3 to 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>69</sup>

(h) Took note of the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago, Chile;<sup>70</sup>

(i) Decided to defer until its twenty-eighth session consideration of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on trust funds of the United Nations;<sup>71</sup>

(j) Decided to defer until its twenty-eighth session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations family of organizations, on the understanding that the report would be brought up to date at that time.<sup>72</sup>

At the same meeting, the General Assembly approved the decisions of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraphs 47 and 51 of part I of its report.<sup>73</sup>

### **Budget estimates for the financial year 1973**

#### **(Item 73)**

### **Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination**

#### **(Item 50)**

At its 2085th plenary meeting, on 15 November 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>74</sup> decided that the eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination should be held in New York.

### **Planning estimate for the financial year 1974**

#### **(Item 74)**

At its 2097th plenary meeting, on 4 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>75</sup> decided to defer again the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 7 of its resolution 2370 (XXII) of 19 December 1967.

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/8985/Add.1, para. 33 and document A/L.697 and Add.1.

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/8985/Add.1, para. 34.

<sup>69</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 37.

<sup>70</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 39.

<sup>71</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 41.

<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 42.

<sup>73</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/8985.

<sup>74</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/8891, para. 9.

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 74, document A/8922, para. 4.

**Confirmation of the appointments made by the Secretary-General to fill vacancies in the membership of the Investments Committee<sup>76</sup>**

**(Item 76 (d) )**

At its 2111th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>77</sup> took note of the *ad hoc* arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General with respect to Mr. Roger DE CANDOLLE for the year 1973.

**Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**

**(Item 77)**

At its 2108th plenary meeting, on 13 December 1972, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Fifth Committee, contained in paragraph 25 of its report,<sup>78</sup> by which it requested the Committee on Contributions, in granting relief to countries with low *per capita* income, to give additional attention to the less developed of the developing countries.

**Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

**(Item 78)**

At its 2111th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>79</sup> approved the suggestion of the Secretary-General in his report on the study of the methods of financing by the International Atomic Energy Agency of certain meetings and conferences of the Agency held away from its headquarters that the information set out in that report be referred to the Joint Inspection Unit for its use in its review of the pattern of conferences.

**Joint Inspection Unit**

**(Item 79)**

At its 2088th plenary meeting, on 24 November 1972, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Fifth Committee, contained in paragraph 2 of its report,<sup>80</sup> by which it approved the suggestions of the Secretary-General concerning the submission of the various reports of the Joint Inspection Unit under the relevant agenda items of the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly endorsed the views of the Fifth Committee, as set forth in paragraphs 13, 18 and 20 of its report, concerning the continuation of the Joint Inspection Unit.

**Publications and documentation of the United Nations**

**(Item 80)**

At its 2113th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>81</sup> decided that, apart from the matters dealt with in the Sixth Committee concerning the contents of the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*,<sup>82</sup> consideration of this agenda item should be deferred until the twenty-eighth session.

**Personnel questions**

**(Item 81)**

At its 2113th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly approved the decisions of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraphs 64, 65 and 90 of its report.<sup>83</sup>

<sup>76</sup> See also resolution 2988 (XXVII).

<sup>77</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 76, document A/8884, para. 3.

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 77, document A/8952.

<sup>79</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 78, document A/8732, para. 11.

<sup>80</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 79, document A/8895.

<sup>81</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 80, document A/8978, para. 4.

<sup>82</sup> See resolution 3006 (XXVII).

<sup>83</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 81, document A/8980.

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At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>84</sup> took note of:

(a) The reports of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat and on long-term recruitment planning;

(b) The note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on personnel problems in the United Nations, pending a full submission by the Secretary-General on the substance of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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<sup>84</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 92 (b).



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## 2926 (XXVII). Report of the International Law Commission

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-fourth session,<sup>2</sup>

Emphasizing the need for the further codification and progressive development of international law in order to make it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations and to give increased importance to its role in relations among nations,

Welcoming the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission on succession of States in respect of treaties,<sup>3</sup>

Recalling that, in its resolution 2780 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971, it recommended that the International Law Commission should study as soon as possible, in the light of the comments of Member States, the question of the protection and inviolability of diplomatic agents and other persons entitled to special protection under international law, with a view to preparing a set of draft articles dealing with offences committed against such persons.

Believing that the need to protect the means by which international relations are carried on requires the most careful consideration by States in view of the continuing violent attacks upon diplomats, embassies and other persons and places entitled to special protection under international law,

Noting with satisfaction the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission on the prevention and punishment of crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/8710/Rev.1).

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. C.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III, sect. B.

*Considering* that since its first session in 1949 the International Law Commission has included the question of State responsibility in its agenda and that so far it has received six reports from its first Special Rapporteur and four reports from its second Special Rapporteur, in addition to various studies prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations,

*Noting with appreciation* that the United Nations Office at Geneva organized, during the twenty-fourth session of the International Law Commission, an eighth session of the Seminar on International Law,

## I

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-fourth session;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the work it accomplished at that session;

3. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should:

(a) Continue its work on State responsibility, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolutions 1765 (XVII) of 20 November 1962, 1902 (XVIII) of 18 November 1963 and 2400 (XXIII) of 11 December 1968, with a view to the preparation of a first set of draft articles on the topic;

(b) Proceed with further consideration on succession of States in respect of treaties in the light of comments received from Member States on the present draft;

(c) Continue its work on succession of States in respect of matters other than treaties, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

(d) Continue its study of the most-favoured-nation clause;

(e) Continue its consideration of the question of treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between two or more international organizations;

4. *Approves* the programme and organization of work of the twenty-fifth session of the International Law Commission, to be held in 1973, including the decision to place on the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "Review of the Commission's long-term programme of work: 'Survey of International Law' prepared by the Secretary-General";

5. *Notes* that the International Law Commission intends, in the discussion of its long-term programme of work, to decide upon the priority to be given to the topic of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 2780 (XXVI);

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, as soon as possible, the study on the legal problems relating to the non-navigational uses of international watercourses requested by the General Assembly in resolution 2669 (XXV) of 8 December 1970, and to present to the International Law Commission at its twenty-fifth session an advance report on such study;

7. *Expresses the wish* that, in conjunction with future sessions of the International Law Commission, other seminars might be organized, which should continue to ensure the participation of an increasing number of jurists of developing countries;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussion on the report of the Commission at the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

## II

1. *Invites* States and also the specialized agencies and interested intergovernmental organizations to submit, as soon as possible, their written comments and observations on the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission concerning the prevention and punishment of crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the comments and observations referred to in paragraph 1 above in order to facilitate consideration of the draft articles by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session in the light of those comments and observations;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session an item entitled "Draft convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons" with a view to the final elaboration of such a convention by the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session all relevant documentation which may be required for the discussion of that item.

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## 2927 (XXVII). Twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Law Commission

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that on 21 November 1947 the General Assembly adopted resolution 174 (II) by which it established the International Law Commission and approved the Statute of the Commission,

*Noting* that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the first session of the International Law Commission will be marked on 12 April 1974,

1. *Commends* the International Law Commission and all the distinguished lawyers who have participated in its work for the outstanding contribution made to the codification and progressive development of international law;

2. *Recommends* that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Law Commission should be observed in an appropriate manner by the General Assembly during its twenty-eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of international organizations concerned with questions of international law.

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28 November 1972

## 2928 (XXVII). Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session,<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/8717).

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined the object and terms of reference of the Commission,

Further recalling its resolutions 2421 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2502 (XXIV) of 12 November 1969, 2635 (XXV) of 12 November 1970 and 2766 (XXVI) of 17 November 1971 concerning the reports of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first, second, third and fourth sessions,

Reaffirming its conviction that the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, especially those affecting the developing countries, would significantly contribute to universal economic co-operation among all peoples on a basis of equality and, thereby, to their well-being.

Bearing in mind that the Trade and Development Board, at its twelfth session,<sup>6</sup> took note of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session;

2. *Commends* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the progress made in its work and for its efforts to enhance the efficiency of its working methods;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the completion of draft articles for a convention on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods;<sup>7</sup>

4. *Recommends* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should:

(a) Continue in its work to pay special attention to the topics to which it has decided to give priority, that is, the international sale of goods, international payments, international commercial arbitration and international legislation on shipping;

(b) Accelerate its work on training and assistance in the field of international trade law, with special regard to developing countries;

(c) Continue to collaborate with international organizations active in the field of international trade law;

(d) Continue to give special consideration to the interests of developing countries and to bear in mind the special problems of land-locked countries;

(e) Keep its programme of work and its working methods under constant review;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to seek from Governments and interested international organizations information relating to legal problems presented by the different kinds of multinational enterprises, and the implications thereof for the unification and harmonization of international trade law, and to consider, in the light of this information and the results of available studies, including those by the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Economic and Social Council, what further steps would be appropriate in this regard;

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1), part one, para. 239.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/8717), para. 21.

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussions at the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly on the Commission's report on the work of its fifth session.

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## 2929 (XXVII). United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* chapter II of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session,<sup>8</sup> which contains draft articles for a convention on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods,

*Recalling* its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined the object and terms of reference of the Commission,

*Noting* that at its fourth and fifth sessions, held in 1971 and 1972, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, in the light of observations and comments submitted by Governments, considered and revised provisional draft articles on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods that had been prepared by the Commission's Working Group on Time-Limits and Limitations (Prescription) in the International Sale of Goods, and that the Commission, at its fifth session, approved the draft articles as set forth in paragraph 21 of its report,

*Bearing in mind* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its fifth session recommended that the General Assembly should convene an international conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude, on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the Commission, a convention on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods,<sup>9</sup>

*Convinced* that conflicts and divergencies among the existing national rules governing prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods constitute obstacles to the development of world trade and that the harmonization and unification of such rules would promote the flow of world trade,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for its valuable work on prescription in the international sale of goods;

2. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened in 1974, in New York or at any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, to consider the question of prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

3. *Further decides* to consider at its twenty-eighth session any other matters requiring decision in connexion with the conference and to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods";

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/8717).

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 20.

4. *Refers* to the conference the draft articles contained in chapter II of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session, together with the commentary thereon and the analytical compilation of comments and proposals to be prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to the decision of the Commission,<sup>9</sup> as the basis for consideration by the conference.

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28 November 1972

**2966 (XXVII). International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Representation of States in their relations with international organizations",

*Having noted* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>10</sup> containing the comments and observations received from Member States, Switzerland, the Secretary-General, specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2780 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971,

*Recalling* that in its resolution 2780 (XXVI) the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that at its twenty-third session, in 1971, the International Law Commission, in the light of the observations and comments of Member States, Switzerland and the secretariats of various international organizations and taking into account the relevant resolutions and debates of the Assembly, revised the provisional draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations, prepared at its twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions, and adopted a final set of draft articles as the basis of a convention,

*Recalling further* that in its resolution 2780 (XXVI) the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the International Law Commission for its valuable work on the question of representation of States in their relations with international organizations and to the Special Rapporteur on the topic for his contribution to this work,

1. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened as soon as practicable to consider the draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

2. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session an item entitled "International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations" in order that the General Assembly may consider the question of participation in the conference, the date and place of the conference and other related matters;

<sup>10</sup> A/8753 and Add 1-3.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a memorandum on the methods of work of the conference so that the Assembly may consider the matter with a view to reducing the costs of the conference.

2109th plenary meeting  
14 December 1972

**2967 (XXVII). Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression on the work of its fifth session, held in New York from 31 January to 3 March 1972,<sup>11</sup>

*Noting* the progress so far achieved by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in its report,

*Considering* that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its task at its fifth session,

*Considering* that in its resolutions 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2420 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2549 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2644 (XXV) of 25 November 1970 and 2781 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

*Considering* the urgency of bringing the work of the Special Committee to a successful conclusion and the desirability of achieving the definition of aggression as soon as possible,

*Noting also* the common desire of the members of the Special Committee to continue their work on the basis of the results achieved and to arrive with due speed at a draft definition in a spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work at Geneva, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), as early as possible after 1 April 1973;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

2109th plenary meeting  
14 December 1972

**2968 (XXVII). Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 and 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 entitled "Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations",

<sup>11</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/8719).



*Taking note* of the observations which were submitted by Governments in response to the inquiry made pursuant to resolution 2697 (XXV) and which are set out in the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>12</sup>

*Observing* that less than a quarter of the Governments of Member States have replied to the Secretary-General's inquiry and that no general trend of opinion in the United Nations can be deduced from these replies,

*Recognizing* that a review of the Charter which was not generally supported would militate against the desired result, that is, the strengthening of the effectiveness of the United Nations,

*Considering* that the effectiveness of the United Nations depends in the first place on the conduct of Member States,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States that have not already done so to communicate to him, before 1 July 1974, their views on the desirability of a review of the Charter of the United Nations and their actual suggestions in this respect;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session a report setting out the views and suggestions of Member States which have been communicated to him in accordance with paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring up to date as quickly as possible the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session the item entitled "Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations".

2109th plenary meeting  
14 December 1972

### 3032 (XXVII). Respect for human rights in armed conflicts

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* that only complete respect for the Charter of the United Nations and general and complete disarmament under effective international control can bring about full guarantees against armed conflicts and the suffering caused by such conflicts, and determined to continue all efforts to these ends,

*Conscious* that the development of many weapons and methods of warfare has made modern armed conflicts increasingly cruel and destructive of civilian lives and property,

*Reaffirming* the urgent need to ensure full and effective application of existing legal rules relating to armed conflicts and to supplement these rules by new ones in order to take into account the modern developments in methods and means of warfare,

*Noting with concern* that the existing legal rules and obligations relating to human rights in armed conflicts are frequently being disregarded,

*Recalling* the successive resolutions adopted by the United Nations relating to human rights in armed conflicts, in particular General Assembly resolutions 2852 (XXVI) and 2853 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, and resolution XIII adopted by the twenty-first Inter-

national Conference of the Red Cross, held at Istanbul in 1969,<sup>13</sup> concerning the reaffirmation and development of the laws and customs applicable in armed conflicts,

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>14</sup> on the results of the second session of the Conference of Government Experts on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts, which was held at Geneva from 3 May to 3 June 1972 at the invitation of the International Committee of the Red Cross,

*Having taken cognizance* of the report prepared by the International Committee of the Red Cross on the work of the Conference of Government Experts,<sup>15</sup>

*Expressing appreciation* to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its dedicated efforts to promote the reaffirmation and development of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts,

*Emphasizing* the importance of continued close collaboration between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross,

*Welcoming* the progress achieved at the second session of the Conference of Government Experts,

*Noting with concern*, nevertheless, that agreement has not emerged among government experts on drafts concerning a number of fundamental issues, such as:

(a) Methods to ensure a better application of existing rules relating to armed conflicts,

(b) Definitions of military objectives and protected objects, in order to counter the tendency in armed conflicts to regard ever growing categories of objects as permissible targets for attack,

(c) Definitions of protected persons and combatants, responsive to the need for improved protection of civilians and of combatants in modern armed conflicts,

(d) The question of guerrilla warfare,

(e) Prohibition of the use of weapons and methods of warfare which indiscriminately affect civilians and combatants,

(f) Prohibition or restriction of the use of specific weapons which are deemed to cause unnecessary suffering,

(g) Rules facilitating humanitarian relief in armed conflicts,

(h) Definition of those armed conflicts of a non-international character which should be subject to rules additional to those contained in the Geneva Conventions of 1949,<sup>16</sup>

*Considering* that substantial progress on fundamental issues such as those enumerated above is indispensable if the efforts to supplement international humanitarian law by new rules are to become significant for the alleviation of the suffering brought about by modern armed conflicts,

*Welcoming* the readiness of the Swiss Federal Council, as communicated to the Secretary-General, to convoke a diplomatic conference on the reaffirmation and development of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts,

*Believing* that the further preparations for that conference as well as its organization must be such that

<sup>13</sup> See A/7720, annex I, sect. D.

<sup>14</sup> A/8781 and Corr.1.

<sup>15</sup> Report on the Work of the Conference (Geneva, July 1972).

<sup>16</sup> United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

<sup>12</sup> A/8746 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3.

substantial progress is achieved on fundamental issues which are as yet unresolved,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the International Committee of the Red Cross for undertaking a series of consultations to ensure the complete preparation for the conference,

1. *Urges* all Governments and invites the International Committee of the Red Cross to continue to seek through consultations to achieve a rapprochement in the positions of Governments to ensure that the diplomatic conference envisaged will adopt rules which will mark substantial progress on fundamental legal issues connected with modern armed conflicts and which will contribute significantly to the alleviation of the suffering brought about by such conflicts;

2. *Calls upon* all parties to armed conflicts to observe the international humanitarian rules which are applicable, in particular the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907,<sup>17</sup> the Geneva Protocol of 1925<sup>18</sup> and the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and, to this end, to provide instruction concerning these rules to their armed forces and information concerning the same rules to the civilian population;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the study and teaching of principles of respect for international humanitarian rules applicable in armed conflicts;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on relevant developments concerning human rights in armed conflicts and to prepare, as soon as possible, a survey of existing rules of international law concerning the prohibition or restriction of use of specific weapons;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Human rights in armed conflicts: respect for human rights in armed conflicts".

2114th plenary meeting  
18 December 1972

### 3033 (XXVII). Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,<sup>19</sup>

*Drawing attention* to its resolutions 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 and 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971, in which it urged the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of permanent missions to the United Nations and their personnel were adequate to enable those missions to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

*Recalling* the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and the missions accredited to it, their personnel and their correspondence under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America

<sup>17</sup> Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915).

<sup>18</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV, No. 2138, p. 65.

<sup>19</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/8726)*.

regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,<sup>20</sup> the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations<sup>21</sup> and general international law,

*Recalling* the duty of missions accredited to the United Nations to respect the laws and regulations of the host country,

*Considering* that the problems related to the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and to the status of the missions accredited to it are of mutual concern to Member States, including the host country, as well as to the Secretary-General,

*Noting with satisfaction* the ratification by the host country of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,<sup>22</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and of the recommendations contained therein,

1. *Condemns* all acts of violence, terrorist attacks and harassment directed against the premises of missions accredited to the United Nations or against their personnel as fundamentally incompatible with the status of such missions and personnel under international law and calls upon the host country to take all appropriate preventive measures;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption, on 24 October 1972, of the Act for the Protection of Foreign Officials and Official Guests of the United States<sup>23</sup> and hopes that this Act will form a basis for the application of effective measures against acts of violence, terrorist attacks and harassment directed at the premises of missions accredited to the United Nations or their personnel, including the application of effective measures against the organization of demonstrations and picketing where there is reason to believe that they may be accompanied by acts of violence or may prevent the conduct of the normal business of missions accredited to the United Nations;

3. *Considers* it necessary that active measures should be taken on the part of the authorities of the host country, the United Nations Secretariat and all others concerned to enhance the relations between the diplomatic community and the local community, in order to ensure the existence of conditions conducive to the effective functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

4. *Decides* that the Committee on Relations with the Host Country should continue its work in 1973 in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) with the purpose of examining all matters falling within its terms of reference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish all appropriate assistance to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and to bring to its attention issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a report on the progress of its work and to make, if it deems necessary, appropriate recommendations;

<sup>20</sup> See resolution 169 (II).

<sup>21</sup> See resolution 22 A (I).

<sup>22</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, No. 7310, p. 95.

<sup>23</sup> See A/8871/Rev.1.

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

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**3034 (XXVII). Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes**

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply perturbed* over acts of international terrorism which are occurring with increasing frequency and which take a toll of innocent human lives,

*Recognizing* the importance of international co-operation in devising measures effectively to prevent their occurrence and of studying their underlying causes with a view to finding just and peaceful solutions as quickly as possible,

*Recalling* the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>24</sup>

1. *Expresses deep concern* over increasing acts of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms;

2. *Urges* States to devote their immediate attention to finding just and peaceful solutions to the underlying causes which give rise to such acts of violence;

3. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist régimes and other forms of alien domination and upholds the legitimacy of their struggle, in particular the struggle of national liberation movements, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the organs of the United Nations;

4. *Condemns* the continuation of repressive and terrorist acts by colonial, racist and alien régimes in denying peoples their legitimate right to self-determination and independence and other human rights and fundamental freedoms;

5. *Invites* States to become parties to the existing international conventions which relate to various aspects of the problem of international terrorism;

6. *Invites* States to take all appropriate measures at the national level with a view to the speedy and final elimination of the problem, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 3 above;

7. *Invites* States to consider the subject-matter urgently and submit observations to the Secretary-General by 10 April 1973, including concrete proposals for finding an effective solution to the problem;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit an analytical study of the observations of States submitted under paragraph 7 above to the *ad hoc* committee to be established under paragraph 9;

9. *Decides* to establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee on International Terrorism consisting of thirty-five members to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly bearing in mind the principle of equitable geographical representation;

10. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to consider the observations of States under paragraph 7 above and submit its report with recommendations for possible co-operation for the speedy elimination of the problem, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 3, to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the *Ad Hoc* Committee with the necessary facilities and services;

12. *Decides* to include the item in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session.

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*The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General<sup>25</sup> that, in pursuance of paragraph 9 of the above resolution, he had appointed the members of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism.*

*As a result, the Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of the following Member States: ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, BARBADOS, CANADA, CONGO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, FRANCE, GREECE, GUINEA, HAITI, HUNGARY, INDIA, IRAN, ITALY, JAPAN, MAURITANIA, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, PANAMA, SWEDEN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAIRE and ZAMBIA.*

<sup>24</sup> See resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>25</sup> A/8993.

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### Review of the role of the International Court of Justice

#### (Item 90)

At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>26</sup> decided to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Review of the role of the International Court of Justice".

<sup>26</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 90, document A/8967, para. 14.



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<sup>c</sup> Liberia should be deleted from the list of members of the Council since its term of office expired on 31 December 1968.

<sup>d</sup> By letters of 14 November 1970 (A/8168) and 21 November 1972, the Permanent Representatives of Chile and Pakistan informed the Secretary-General that their respective Governments had decided to withdraw from the Commission.

<sup>e</sup> The Council received this designation pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2372 (XXII). It was originally established under resolution 2248 (S-V) as the United Nations Council for South West Africa.

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